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Mount Hope United Church of Christ

Whitsett, North Carolina

The first 150 Years

(1847-1997)



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FOREWORD

I would like to thank all the people that helped with this Historical Book: the people of Mt. Hope Church; the Historical Committee; the Senior High Sunday School Class; the Book Committee, Darlene Johnson, Pat & Jerry Branson, Kathy Hicks, Emily Staley, Clarine Ingold, Doris Walsh, Jeanne Ingold, Joanne Holt, Cindy Brown Hughes, Lorrie Hancock, Kathy Neese Fulk, and Tammy Brown; Elizabeth & Bill Craft, Barbara Greeson, and Cecilia Gannon.

I've been coming to Mt. Hope Church all my life. Our family never knew other churches existed. My father always said, "If the Church is not like you like it, work to make changes." My family is like a lot of other families in this congregation; they believe in staying with the same church. That kind of faith in the Lord and in the Church is the reason Mt. Hope is celebrating 150 years. If we pass this faith down to our children, they will learn to work hard to keep the faith in their marriages, families, and the Church, but most of all, in the Lord.

A number of individuals provided information and some of them contributed entire sections to this book. In addition, a number of persons provided historical photographs and other information. Additional Sources of materials included: Jacob Calvin Leonard, *History of the Southern Synod Evangelical and Reformed Church*; Joshua L. Levens, *History and Program, UCC 1986,1991*, United Church Press, 1934; Banks J. Peeler, D.D., *A Story of the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church*; the personal notes of Rev. George W. Welker, D.D. and Rev. Raymond Craven; *Historic Sketch of the Reformed Church*; Church Bulletins; and Consistory Notes. Grave yard information was collected by Kathy Hicks, Courtney Barrier, Michelle and Kenny Register, Emily Staley, Darlene Johnson, Lorrie and Bobby Hancock, and the Senior High Sunday School Class. The Front Cover is by Martha Whitesell and Sonia Craft Knowles.

I hope this book will be something you can be proud of. I have truly put my best effort to show you what we have done in the past 150 years.

- Lorrie Gerringer Hancock, Editor



Book Committee: Jerry Branson, Pat Branson, Doris Walsh, Cindy Brown Hughes, Darlene Johnson, Clarine Ingold, Lorrie Hancock, Jeanne Ingold, Joanne Holt, Emily Staley, and Kathy Hicks. Not Pictured: Kathy Neese Fulk and Tammy Brown.



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Quilt Committee Preparing for the 150th Anniversary: Members are: Maxine Lane, Jean Greeson, Mary Catherine Moser, Mary Frances Jones, Bernice Burroughs, Betty Jo Stiles, Barbara Greeson.

BUILDINGS

Mt. Hope congregation was organized in 1847 by Dr. George W. Welker. Dr. Welker had been preaching on Sunday evenings since May, 1844, at Neese's School House, located just across the road from where the present church stands. Later a Brush Arbor was built which served as a place of worship until 1851 when the first church, a brick building, was erected on land donated by David Neese and Tom Phillipie. The structure stood in the corner of the present cemetery. From my investigations I gathered the original church was a one-story building, about 30 by 60 feet in size. This church was dedicated May 11, 1851. In 1875 the brick building became too small to accommodate the large crowds which attended the services, and it became necessary to erect a larger church building. This wooden church building was erected where the present building is now located. Reverend Frank Starr, a son of the congregation, states that the weather boarding on the building came from one tree. He stated that he hauled the tree to the saw mill at Mr. Frank Neese's with a six-mule team. In 1913 the house of worship was improved by the construction of a large vestibule at the front of the church. On March 26, 1939, eight new Sunday School rooms were dedicated. These rooms joined the back of the church building.



Photo of the 1875 Wooden Church Building

The first parsonage was built, as near as records can be found to show, during the pastorate of Dr. Andrew (1893-1898). Between the pastorates of Reverend Hedrick (1938-1942) and Reverend Whitener (1942-1946) the parsonage was completely remodeled and made into one of the nicest rural parsonages in the Synod. Under the direction of Reverend Homer Yearick (1950) a building fund was started in anticipation of adequate educational facilities.

Printed in the church bulletin on May 31, 1953 was this message: *Sunday school is overcrowded. Foundation is badly infested by termites. Any builder will say that it will be a mark of folly to plan for the future of this building in this community by putting new patches on an old garment. The building has been here for 80 years. This is why the congregation has voted to set up a new building fund.*

In 1957, a new and modern educational building was erected during the pastorate of Reverend John W. Settlemyre. Under the leadership of Reverend Billy Joe Leonard (1962-1967) financial obligations were liquidated. The new facility was dedicated April 5, 1964 with the Reverends Yearick and Settlemyre.

Construction of the present sanctuary began in May, 1973. Mt. Hope opened the doors to the new sanctuary Sunday, January 12, 1975. The new building was constructed at a cost of \$500,000. It is a colonial type structure. The architect was Vernon E. Lewis of Burlington, N.C. The building committee chairman was Raymond Belvin. The present and second parsonage outdoor work was completed by April 30, 1988. Rev. Jim and Denise Smelley were the first and only pastors to date to occupy the house.

- Pat Branson

During the 1980's and 1990's there has been an effort to update the appearance and function of our church facilities. The two parking lots were paved. A handicapped bathroom was carved out of some little-used Sunday School rooms. The retaining wall at the back entrance to the Fellowship Hall was rebuilt. It had been in danger of collapsing for some time. A partition was built to create new rooms for the Gleaners and Men's Bible Class. The Samaritan class also relocated to the ground floor. Currently all the older adult classes are on this level so that those members with various physical problems can still participate in Sunday School. The children, youth and young adults (Disciples) are located up the stairs. Several of the Sunday School rooms have been painted and spruced up. Most of the windows now have mini blinds, and new window treatments have been made for Sunday School rooms, kitchen, nursery, secretary's and pastor's offices.

- Elizabeth Craft



Groundbreaking



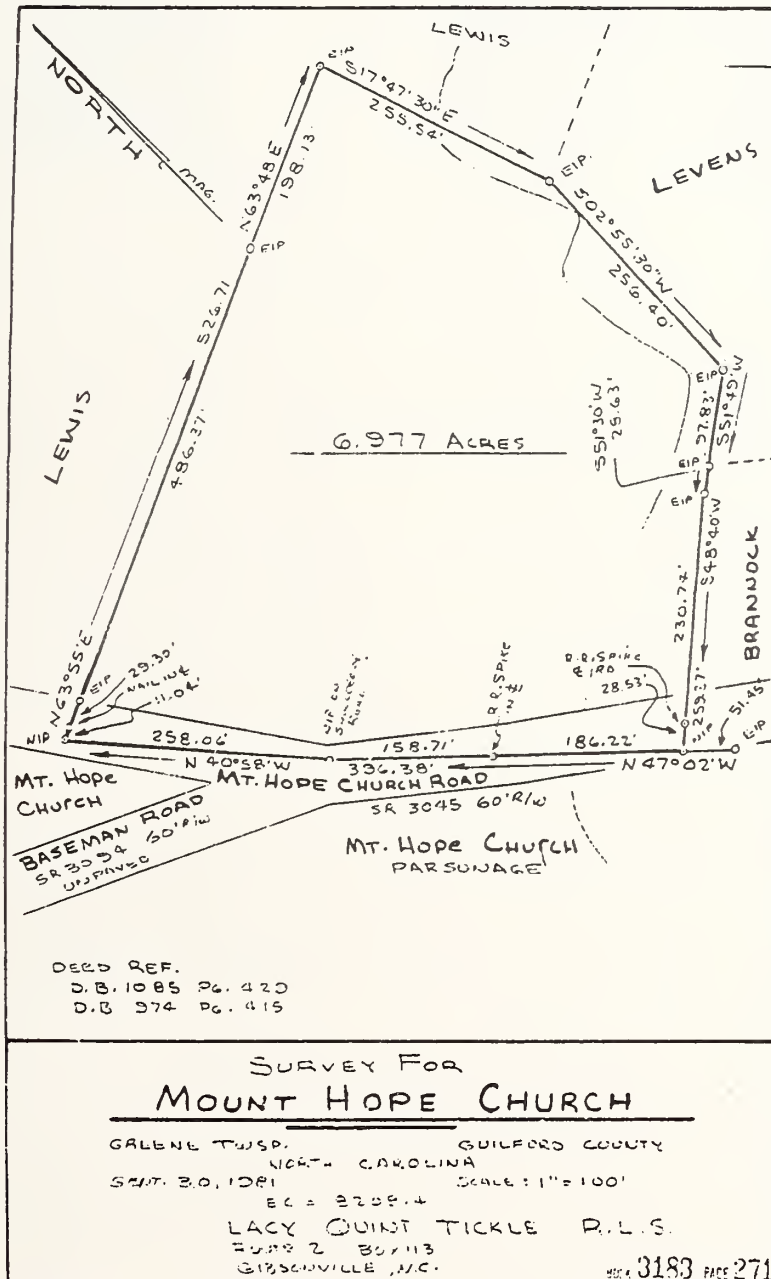
Construction of Education Building

HISTORY OF LAND

Church services began on May 19, 1844 on the property across the street from our existing church at Neese's School House with Reverend Welker as minister. Records can be traced back to March 21, 1878 when *Emmanuel C. Trust, by virtue of power of attorney giving said Trust such power by Davis Neese late of Guilford County, North Carolina to Solomon E. Trust, Trustee of Mt. Hope Church, and his successors in office for the sum of Seven Dollars (\$7.00) ... all of that lot or parcel of land adjoining the lots on which Mt. Hope Church now stands*

By mid-1957. there were at least 10 different deeds to the church property, each conveying small tracts totaling 16.47 acres, which includes the property for the parsonages.

- Kathy Neese Fulk



NOW AND THEN

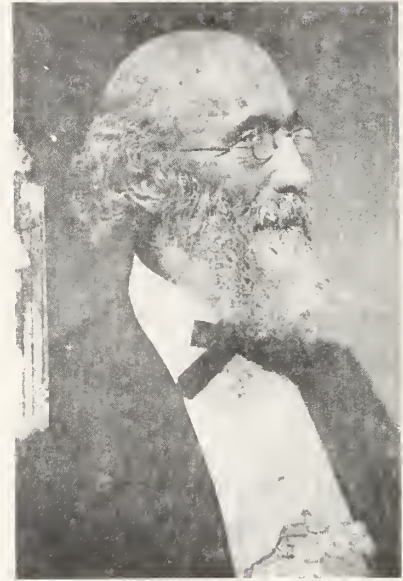


Rev. Lynne Hinton (1993-1997)

As I think about my tenure as pastor at Mount Hope, I remember that grace and vision always emerged when we were willing to open our minds and hearts and vividly imagine what God could do; and that the most effective ministry occurred when we were willing to have our expectations disrupted by something new and unexpected, even in the very beginning when that something new and unexpected was having a woman pastor.

Mount Hope will celebrate another 150 years of service and faith as long as the church is ready and able to expect the unexpected and make room in our lives and traditions and church for a live and imaginative faith.

I thank all of you who allowed for the possibility that I could become your pastor. The love and experiences we have shared have certainly taught me that you just never know where God might make a miracle! God Bless you as you continue in faith.



Rev. George W. Welker, D.D. (1847-1893)

Rev. George Welker was baptized in infancy by the Rev. James R. Reily in Hagerstown, MD. He accepted the Guilford charge in March, 1842 - a charge which lasted 51 years. Rev. Welker touched many lives through his messages. He preached 5,061 sermons, officiated 518 funerals, performed 157 marriages, confirmed 820 and baptized 945 people. He was married three times. His first wife was Abigail Mason (April 6, 1843); his second was Louise Mason (October 15, 1851) - these two were sisters - and third, Emily Jane Corsbie - March 21, 1861.

Rev. Welker was known to reprove without fear anyone who disturbed the congregation during his sermons. Once while he was delivering a message, a group of young people were sitting and talking, being quite an annoyance. He stopped, looked them straight in the face and said, "I have preached to all kinds of persons. I have preached to the convicts in the penitentiary, but I have never preached to anyone who has behaved as badly as you." There was no more trouble.

Rev. Welker was elected as member of the State Senate in 1868 and served for three sessions. After serving for 51 years, he turned his work over to Rev. J. D. Andrew. Shortly after his retirement, his health began to fail fast. He died July 9, 1894 at the age of 76. There was an enormous gathering for his funeral. His dust rests in God's acre at Mt. Hope. In church and state, he was an active and faithful servant of the Lord.

EUROPE TO AMERICA

The Reformed Church can be traced to the Protestant Reformation in the early 1500's under the leadership of Ulrich Zwingli in Zurich and John Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland. The Reformed faith reached the German Palatinate around Heidelberg where was written the remarkable "Heidelberg Catechism" which was adopted in 1563 and which unified the German Reformed Church.

The German immigration to America grew out of the fearful results of the Thirty Years War (1618-1648), a religious war concerning Catholicism and Protestantism, that had desolated their native land and made existence there intolerable. Then came the French invasion of the Rhine territory, making a homeless waste for the Protestant Palatines. William Penn gave them a hearty invitation to come to his colony. Thousands left their native land by way of England to reach the colony of Pennsylvania which, for a time, seemed to become largely Germanized. Among them were also Huguenots (French Protestants) who had fled to Germany, and the Swiss. This influx of Germans, French, and Swiss into Pennsylvania began about 1707 although many had come as early as 1620.

By 1740, men, women, and children who had settled in Pennsylvania, following the mountain slopes through Maryland into Virginia by way of the Shenandoah Valley, through the Blue Ridge, moved into North Carolina by wagons and teams. They came to the valleys of the Haw, Yadkin and Catawba Rivers.

From the beginning of the settlements in North Carolina, the Reformed and Lutheran people were very closely allied, and nearly all their churches were union churches - sharing their houses of worship and available preachers. These early settlers brought their religious books with them. Soon after building a log cabin and clearing a few acres of land, they built a school house that perhaps also served as a place of worship. In those early days, the people were better supplied with school teachers than with ministers of the Gospel. In many cases the teacher also did duty as a minister.

Ministers for the Reformed congregations were sent out by the German Reformed Synod whose seat of authority was located in Pennsylvania. By their own request, the churches of North Carolina were granted permission by the Synod to begin a supervisory organization of their own; thus, The Classis of North Carolina was organized May 21, 1831 at Brick (Clapp's) Church. The Classis represented six ministers and twenty-four congregations, seventeen in North Carolina and seven in Virginia.

- Clarine Ingold

HISTORY OF MOUNT HOPE CHURCH

Mt. Hope Church was organized in 1847 by Rev. George W. Welker, D.D., with the membership composed largely of the people of the Reformed faith who withdrew from Coble's Church, a union Lutheran and Reformed Church. John F. Foust, Christian Foust, John Corsbie, and John W. Phipps were elected elders. Mr. A. A. Phipps, M.D., led the singing and taught the first Bible Class. Coble's

Church, first known as Zion Church, was in existence as early as 1812. The Reformed element in it was organized by Rev. John Rudy shortly after 1821 during his pastorate at Brick Church.

In addition to his regular church work, Dr. Welker had begun preaching in the evening at Neece's (Neese's) School which was located across the road from the present church building. Sunday School had been held in the school house since 1832.

Preaching continued in the school house until a brush arbor was built. Soon an arbor covered with boards became the place of worship. In 1851, a brick church was built in the corner of the present cemetery. This church was dedicated in May, 1851. In his personal records, Dr. Welker has noted that the first sermon was preached in the new church on May 10, 1851. The text for this sermon was taken from Psalm 63: 8, *My Soul Followeth Hard After Thee. Thy Right Hand Upholdeth Me*. Two services were held on the following day. The first sermon that day was preached from Galatians 2:10; the afternoon sermon was based on Hebrews 10:16-17.

May 10th and 11th must have been great days in the community. Picture if you can those settlers as they drove to the new church on May 10th in their wagons, some perchance rode horseback and possibly a large number walked. Then on the morning of May 11th, the women packed the family lunches for the picnic dinner. Then the families came to church traveling as they had done on Saturday. A new Church had been built! A place of worship fit for any community had been built! A temple of God was being dedicated and a life was being dedicated. It was on May 11th that Mary R. Neece, wife of Christian, was confirmed and baptized, the first confirmation in the new Church.

From the time the Church was built in 1851, and especially between the years 1851 and 1858, many middle-aged men (head of families) were converted and joined the church. This caused a great change for good in the community. With the gradual but sure growth, by 1875 the brick building was too small to accommodate the large crowds who attended the church services and was replaced by a larger wooden structure.

During the first quarter of a century in the life of Mt. Hope Church, the community was undergoing great changes. The church was being served by a pastor on a regular schedule. Evils were being driven out and a bright future was seen. Dr. Welker, who organized the church and supervised the construction of the first church building, now saw the second (a wooden building) structure built in order to take care of the congregation. This second building, with addition as required through the years, stood for almost one hundred years as a monument to him. He retired from the active pastorate in 1893 and died July 9, 1894.

Every autumn up to the beginning of the Civil War a camp meeting (continuing for a week or more) was held, bringing to the community such leading Gospel preachers as Rev. S. J. Fetzer, Rev. Thornton Butler and Dr. Jeremiah Ingold. Suffering during the war, the church revived after the end of the war.

In the fall of 1878 a "protracted meeting" was held at which time Rev. J. W. Cecil did the preaching; his wife helped in this Christian work. The meeting continued over three Sabbaths. It was indeed a great revival, for there were over one hundred conversions. On October 13, 1878 sixty-four united with the church. This is the largest confirmation class in the history of the church.

On October 14, 1928, the 50th anniversary of this class was held at the church with Dr. Elmer R. Hoke, then president of Catawba College, giving the sermon. Rev. Charles E. Hiatt was the pastor (serving from 1927 to 1937). Thirty-three of these members were still living for the anniversary. The same hymns used during the revival in 1878 were used for this celebration.

After the retirement of Dr. Welker, Dr. James D. Andrew, (a son of the congregation) was chosen as his successor. That pastorate of five years, 1893-1898, was short but effective.

It is significant that the Sixty-Seventh Annual Sessions of the Classis of North Carolina, Reformed Church in the United States, met at Mt Hope Church May 5-8, 1897, when the Woman's Classical Missionary Society was organized and officers were elected. The record relates that, "By invitation of Rev. J. D. Andrew of the Guilford Charge, and in response to a stirring appeal sent out by Mrs. B. F. Davis of the Concord church, a number of earnest women assembled in the school across the road from the church at one o'clock p.m. Thursday, May 6, 1897." Mrs. Jessie Welker Starr of Mt. Hope was one of the delegates.

The next 24 years was a period of short pastorates and ministerial supplies. In 1913, during the pastorate of Rev D.C. Cox, a large vestibule was constructed at the front of the church.

For many years the Guilford Charge was composed of Brick, St. Mark's, and Mt. Hope churches. Beginning in 1928, during the pastorate of Rev. Charles E. Hiatt, (1927-1937), there was held in the Charge what was known as Young People's Day. In June or July the people of the three churches attended a union service with the young people being in charge of the program. Usually on Saturday night a social to which all the young people were invited was held. On Sunday, the congregations attended a joint Sunday School service. During the 11:00 service, the young people presented talks, singing, pageants, etc. Following the picnic dinner, a speaker presented the afternoon speech, using a topic pertaining to young people. The services were rotated among the three churches.

The second largest confirmation class in the history of the church came in 1932. Rev. J. A. Palmer assisted Rev. Hiatt in the special revival services beginning the second Sunday in August. There were more than fifty conversions during the week. On the fourth Sunday afternoon in August, Rev. Hiatt confirmed thirty-seven members.

Rev. Aubrey W. Hedrick, upon graduation from Lancaster Theological Seminary, became pastor of the Guilford Charge May 15, 1938 and served until 1942. During the first year of his ministry, 95 people were received into membership in the three churches, 26 of these at Mt. Hope. Dr. J. D. Andrew, the second pastor, was the afternoon speaker for the Memorial and Homecoming celebration May 29, 1938. March 26, 1939 is an important date in the church's long history. An educational annex containing eight classrooms was formally dedicated.

In 1942, during World War II, Rev. and Mrs. Sterling W. Whitener returned to North Carolina from the mission field in China and began serving the Guilford Charge. They lived in the renovated parsonage at Mt. Hope. In 1946 they resigned and returned to China. During this pastorate, St. Mark's Church was detached from the Guilford Charge in 1944. Afterwards, Brick and Mt. Hope Churches then constituted the Guilford Charge.

Rev. Arthur R. Detwiler, pastor of First Church, Asheboro, became the supply pastor and on July 1,

1946, he accepted a call to become pastor of the new charge. Mt. Hope observed its One-Hundredth Anniversary April 13-20, 1947. A week of special services commemorating this important event began on Sunday, April 13 and ended Sunday morning, April 20. As a part of this celebration, the church was host to the Ninth Annual Sessions of the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Council of Southern Synod, responding to overtures from Brick Church and Mt. Hope Church, took action on February 24, 1949 "That the Guilford Charge be dissolved, and that the Mt. Hope congregation and the Brick congregation each be constituted a pastoral charge."

Rev. Homer F. Yearick supplied Mt. Hope Church, beginning in the summer of 1949, and became the first full-time pastor September 24, 1950. During the 1950 Sunday School Rally Day, 348 people were in attendance, the largest in the history of the Sunday School. The average church attendance in 1952 was 325. The church membership in early 1953 was 494. In anticipation of adequate educational facilities, a building fund was started. The educational building committee consisting of Howard Whitesell, chairman, George Neese, Joe Staley, Cecil Reece and Robert Reece was authorized. A new church building committee was formed; it included: W.A. Branson, chairman; Julius Phipps, treasurer; and Kecler Jones, chairman of the planning committee. Rev. Yearick resigned effective May 16, 1953. He and wife, Lorraine, entered the mission field in Japan.

A new and modern educational building was constructed in 1957 during the pastorate of Rev. John W. Settlemire who served from July 1, 1953 until September 2, 1962. The average Sunday School attendance in 1959 was 362 and the church membership in 1960 was 543.

Rev. Billy Joe Leonard's first Sunday as pastor was November 18, 1962, and his last Sunday was July 9, 1967. His installation service was held January 27, 1963. Under his leadership, financial obligations for the educational building were liquidated. This new facility was dedicated April 5, 1964. Rev. Homer F. Yearick and Rev. John W. Settlemire delivered the sermons and the pastor read the ritual of dedication.

While pastor of St. John's Church, Burlington, Rev. Joshua L. Levens supplied Mt. Hope from July 16 to November 26, 1967.

On December 31, 1967, Rev. Raymond C. Craven was installed as pastor. His pastorate was the second longest in the history of Mt. Hope, beginning December 3, 1967 and ending December 31, 1985. On Easter Sunday, April 22, 1973, the congregation held its last Sunday worship in the wooden church. The day's bulletin said, "Tomorrow we want to begin to get out of this building all the articles we will save to use." Beginning with April 29, the worship services were held in the fellowship hall of the educational building. On this day the congregation processed to the front of the old sanctuary for the Ground-Breaking for the new church building and for the conclusion of the morning worship.

Work began on the new structure in May, 1973. Raymond Belvin was chairman of the building committee, having replaced the late W.A. Branson. Other members of the committee were Ed Reece, Cecil Reece, Howard Whitesell, Joe Staley, Sylvia Belvin, Jaynee Brown, Jerry Branson, and Gerald Greeson. Bennie Gerner was a member ex-officio. The last six people listed formed the finance committee with Gerald Greeson as chairman.

The Service of Consecration for the present church building was held Sunday, January 12, 1975. The service began with a procession of all the special participants and the congregation. Rev. Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Southern Conference Minister, brought greetings, and Rev. Edwin M. Alcorn, Western Association Minister, preached the sermon.

Rev. James and Rev. Denise Smelley, the first clergy couple in the history of Mt. Hope Church, began their pastorate August 1986 and served until August 1993. During the 140th anniversary service on November 1, 1987, the mortgage on the new sanctuary was burned. Following the service a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall was enjoyed. The display of old cars, wagons, buggies, etc. brought back memories. From the meager beginning, the membership had grown to 520.

Rev. Lynne Hinton served as supply pastor during August 1993, until becoming interim pastor October 1, 1993. She became the pastor June 1, 1994, and served through July 31, 1997. During her pastorate, 88 people were received into the membership which is now 559. She worked very diligently to provide special programs for the children, youth and various adult groups. A part-time director of Christian Education, Dale Sowers, served from June 1994 through July 31, 1995. Jennifer Greeson Bradsher served as director of Christian Education from April 1, 1996 until December 31, 1996. Rev. Katrin Schirmer began working with the youth in January 1997. Lydia T. Moser became director of Christian youth programming March 1, 1997.

- **Clarine Ingold**

CHURCH MERGERS

The Evangelical Synod of North America also had its roots in Germany. In 1817, the Evangelical Church of the Prussian Union, by order of Frederick William III (1797-1840) of Prussia, united the Lutheran and Reformed churches of his kingdom. This gave birth to the ancestral church of the Evangelical Synod of North America. As the Evangelicals came to North America in the 19th century, they migrated to the mid-west where there was a concentration of congregations.

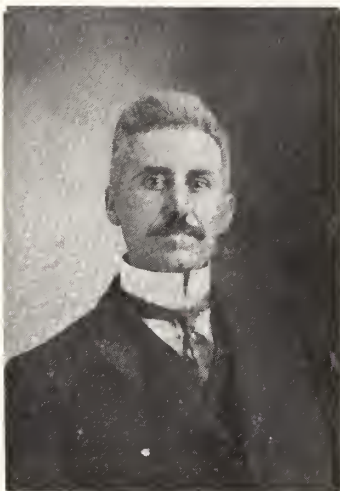
The Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America, both of German and Swiss heritage united on June 26, 1934 to become the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Southern Synod of this new union was organized May 30, 1939 in the First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Salisbury. Reverend Aubrey W. Hedrick, Mt. Hope's pastor at that time, was in attendance. When the Southern Synod was organized, fifty-six of the churches were located in North Carolina, one in Georgia and five in Florida.

The United Church of Christ was established on June 25, 1957 at Cleveland, Ohio with the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and the Congregational Christian Churches. The Congregational Church had been born as a result of the English Reformation. In America they gave us the Pilgrim and Puritan heritage. The Christian Church had American frontier beginnings. These two denominations were concerned for freedom of religious expression, and were united on June 17, 1931, to become the Congregational Christian Churches.

The Southern Synod officially became a part of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ on September 30, 1965. The Southern Conference is composed of the Western North Carolina, The Eastern North Carolina and the Eastern Virginia associations.

All four branches of the United Church of Christ shared a strong commitment under Christ to the freedom of religious expression. They combined strong European ties, early colonial roots and the vitality of the American frontier church. Their authority was the Bible. The union took place on the basis of what unites Christians rather than what divides them.

- Jeanne Ingold



Rev. J. E. Andrew



**Revs. Lonnie Carpenter and Aubrey W. Hedrick
(Visiting Revival Preacher)**



Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Detwiler



Retirement Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Craven 1985

MT. HOPE CHURCH ROSTER OF PASTORS

Rev. George W. Welker, D.D.
1847-1893

Rev. James D. Andrew
1893-1898

Rev. James A. Stauffer
1899-1902

VACANT SUPPLIES
1903-1908

Rev. Paul Barringer, D.D.
Rev. Samuel W. Beck
Mr. William S. Clapp - Student
Mr. C. Columbus Wagoner - Student

Rev. Joshua L. Bowers
1908-1911

Rev. Dungan C. Cox
1912-1914

Rev. Shuford Peeler, D.D.
1914-1916 Supply

Rev. Albert Klinger
1915-1919

Rev. J.M.L. Lyerly, Ph.D.
1920-1922

SUPPLIES
1922-1927

Rev. Harvey Fesperman, D.D.
Mr. William Groff
Rev. Hoy L. Fesperman
Rev. Milton Whitener
Licentiate William Shaw

Rev. Charles C. Hiatt
1927-1937

Rev. Aubrey W. Hedrick
1938-1942

Rev. Sterling Whitener
1942-1946

Rev. Arthur R. Detwiler
1946-1949

Rev. Homer F. Yearick
1949-1953

Rev. John W. Settlemire
1953-1962

Rev. Billy Joe Leonard
1962-1967

Rev. Raymond C. Craven
1967-1985

Rev. Carl Wallace
Interim Minister 1986

Rev. James H Smelley
Rev. Denise J. Smelley
1986-1993

Rev. Lynne Hinton
1993-1997



FLASHBACKS OF OUR PASTORS

Rev. Craven - I remember the children's time. Once he had a sermon where he had a glass of water and turned it upside down. No water spilled out, I was amazed. (He had plastic wrap under it.)

- **Deana Layton**

Rev. Craven - He came to the aid of my cousin when he got his fingers caught between a fender and a tire. I ran to his house, he stopped what he was doing and came.

- **Darlene Johnson**

Rev. Lynne Hinton - She comes to school and eats lunch with us.

- **April Wright**

Rev. Katrin Schirmer - She has a wonderful sense of humor and did not shy away when called to serve potato salad at our church suppers.

- **Joanne Holt**

Rev. Settlemyre - He liked hunting. He came to my house to discuss hunting with my father.

- **Becky Stafford**

Rev. Lynne Hinton - I will always remember getting a post card on my Birthday. When I get it, it always brightens my day and makes me feel special.

- **Stephanie Harris**

Rev. Craven - He visited me in my home many times and was a great comfort to my husband and me. We shared our faith with each other.

- **Rosa Oakley**

Rev. Billy Joe Leonard - I was friends with his son Steve. He subscribed to *Madd Magazine* and one issue had a record on cardboard, the "Burp" song.

- **Alan Sawyer**

Rev. Charles E. Hiatt was a very reverent and respectable man. I am sure that Rev. Hiatt would not have knowingly consumed any intoxicating drink. However, a church member told me a little story about Mr. Hiatt and another pastor, who had dinner with his family during the week of revival at their church. For dessert the family served cake which had absorbed a certain amount of peach brandy. The end result was a lively conversation, compliments on the delicious cake and no cake left over. -

- **C. A. Greeson**

Rev. Billy Joe Leonard - I remember our preparing a time capsule to be buried and dug up later.

- **Gloria Belvin**

Rev. Settlemyre was a great preacher. He played softball on the church team. They had a baby who died while he was our minister.

- **Dallas Belvin** (Baby is buried at Mt. Hope)

Rev. Lynne Hinton's description - White, tall, and red hair.

- **Adam Kirkpatrick**, age 4.

PASTORS IN THE LAST 50 YEARS

Rev. Charles E. Hiatt

Preacher Hiatt's wife died when his son Charlie was born. He had a limp when he walked. After losing his wife, he moved into the home of Kivett Shepherd and lived there until moving to another Church. He helped build the Sunday School rooms. He had an old T-Model Ford.

Rev. Aubrey W. Hedrick

We had preaching every other week. He was a very humble dedicated person. He was very interested in children and youth, he knew the Bible and had lots of energy.

Rev. Sterling Whitener

He spent a lot of time in China. His wife is buried in China. He had 3 children. A very friendly man.

Rev. Arthur R. Detwiler

He worked with the youth. He always had a glass of water to drink while he was preaching. During his time, the Parish Center was built. He served on the board at John's River Camp. He was also Editor of *The Parish News*.

Rev. Homer F. Yearick

He was a very evangelistic pastor. He would call on people that others were afraid to visit. He was a chaplain during most of WWII. He was married to a minister's daughter, and had two children. They were very practical people. When there was a wrong, he addressed it and tried to right it, in a Christian, straight-forward manner.

Rev. John W. Settlemyre

Rev. Settlemyre mingled with the people. He was a hunter, and played softball on the church team. He had a baby that died during his ministry at Mount Hope. A great preacher. He was known as being a naturally good guy.

Rev. Billy Joe Leonard

Rev. Leonard preached in 10 months; 67 sermons, 7 funerals, and 4 weddings, 1575 calls, 16 members received, lost 2 by transfer, 2 by death, and baptized 5. A very loud voice which kept your attention. Rev. Leonard left Mt. Hope to take over his father's Church in Lexington; he retired there. A very good man.

Rev. Raymond C. Craven

In first 9 months, he preached 41 sermons, attended 46 meetings, 24 meetings outside of Church, 416 calls, counseled 5 couples for premarital counseling, counseled 5 parents, and 1 funeral. He had 2 children, Tim and Rae. He enjoyed flying, and had a bad motorcycle wreck during his time here. A very soft spoken man, with a wonderful talent for counseling, during his premarriage meeting he would say "Never go to bed angry".

Rev. Carl Wallace

He was an interim minister with a wonderful gift, he would act out people from the Bible. He did this so well that people would forget he was acting and think he was talking about himself.

Rev. James and Denise Smelley

The first clergy couple to be called in the Church's history, and the first woman preacher to serve. They introduced us to the Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday Services. Both were dedicated Christians.

Rev. Lynne Hinton

A very vibrant, and energetic person. She is not only a pastor but a friend to all. She is sincere in her leadership and will go to great preparation to deliver her message. She is very strong with the young, and often visits the youth for lunch at school.

- Joanne Holt

GERMAN INTERN

It is my great privilege to be a part of Mt. Hope for one year and I am grateful for this gift. This opportunity is based upon our partnership between the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Church in the Rhineland, Germany.

In Germany, I served 2 years in a parish in Bonn-Beuel and there I was ordained in October 1996. It was my dream for a long time to go one day to the United States to learn more about another kind of church system like yours and to know about your church life. My dream became true and I got the chance to live with you, to learn from you and to tell you about my history and my European context. And truly, from the beginning you blessed me with your wonderful warm welcome. You and Lynne made it so easy for me to feel at home in Mt. Hope. You added to my life an experience I will never forget and I will tell lots of stories about Mt. Hope in Germany.

During this special year when we recognize the 150th anniversary of Mt. Hope, you will remember your roots in the German Reformed Church. This history creates a bond between us and we are able to celebrate our common heritage. I hope this year serves as a beginning for continued ecumenical relationships for Mt. Hope because truly we are all one in the body of Christ. May God bless us as brothers and sisters.

- Katrin Schirmer

SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Mt. Hope is justly proud of her men and women who have gone out into other fields of service. Among these are ministers of the Gospel: Reverend Frank Starr; Licentiate Charles A. Starr (who died before his ordination); Reverend James D. Andrew, D.D.; Reverend William H. McNairy, D.D.; Reverend Clarence Woods; Reverend Joshua L. Levens; Reverend Roy L. Frazier; Reverend William S. Shaw; Licentiate William C. Shaw; Reverend Banks D. Shepherd; and Reverend Kenneth W. Clapp, D.D.; Jeanne Ingold received a Masters Degree in Religious Education and Melinda Coble Pinson has a Master of Arts Degree in Religion.

Out of Mt. Hope's membership came: Charles H. Mebane, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Professor of Greek and President of Catawba College; Reverend James D. Andrew, D.D.; President of Catawba College; Reverend Kenneth W. Clapp, D.D.; Executive Director of Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds, and Professor and Senior Vice President of Catawba College; Dr. A. A. Phipps, lawyer, physician, and teacher; Dr. Caroline McNairy and Dr. C. Banks McNairy, physicians.

MEMORIES OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS

To try to recall memories of Mt. Hope is like opening flood gates - varied memories of Sunday School parties, dinners on the grounds, Wednesday evening prayer meetings, and Sunday night youth meetings.

My father was very much involved in the planning for the construction of the educational building which was constructed in 1957. This was an exciting adventure for me. We watched as they cut the one or two pines on our parents' property that were large enough to make saw logs, and were fascinated by the huge planer that was brought in one Saturday to plane the lumber that had been milled at "Mr. Jim" Neese's sawmill.

In one sense, the event that provides one of the fondest of memories at Mt. Hope also marked the departure from my active involvement in the life of the congregation. I suspect that no one who was present in the fellowship hall of the educational building (the service had to be there since the old sanctuary had been demolished just weeks earlier to make way for a new sanctuary) will ever forget the heat or perhaps the electrical storm that accompanied my ordination service. But for me the greatest part of that memory is the tremendous love and support of so many people who came to share in that service. Again, "The Church" of Jesus Christ was being realized in the congregation of Mt. Hope Church, and I felt the assurance that whatever the ministry would hold for me, I would not be alone in that ministry. And that has been confirmed many, many times in the nearly 25 years that have followed that hot Sunday evening.

- Ken Clapp

Mt. Hope Church was like a nurturing mother to me. My earliest memories of Mt. Hope are Sunday School and revivals. Two Sunday School teachers remain in my memory, Edna Shoffner and Agnes Friddle. As I recall, revivals began with "Big Meeting" all day service with dinner. Services every night during the week and a couple of mornings, also. Guest preachers I remember were Dr. J. D. Andrew, with his booming voice; Reverend Hoy Fesperman, with his magic tricks; Reverend Roy Whisenhunt with his well crafted sermons; Reverend Miram Davis with his sharp wit and enthusiasm; and Mt. Hope's Reverend Josh Levens. All my pastors were special to me at some point in my life. Reverend Charles E. Hiatt the first, something about him made a lasting impression on me. Reverend Aubrey Hedrick was my second pastor, during my pre-teen years. I remember his interest in the youth and his boundless energy. My third pastor, Reverend Sterling W. Whitener, influenced my life out of all proportion. I remember his final Sunday with us. He took the time to ask what my plans were after high school. I had given some thought to ministry, but thought it not financially possible. He did not try to pressure me into going to college and I don't recall him saying anything about the ministry. He only suggested college as time for me to decide what to do with my life. So, I thought if he thought it was possible maybe it could happen. I applied for *in care* status as a candidate for ministry in the E&R Church and enrolled in Catawba College. I must give credit to another, Dr. Sterling H. Whitener and his wife Barbara; they became my mentors. They were my security the first time I went away from home to John's River Camp. My fourth pastor during college years was Reverend Arthur Detwiler. He taught me that being in church could be fun. He helped make it possible for me to attend the national meeting of the United Christian Youth Movement in Grand Rapids, Michigan and where I became acquainted with Eulene Fisher, the girl I would marry. My fifth pastor was Reverend Homer Yearick. My contact with him was limited because I was away at seminary. He kept me informed of all that was going on at Mt. Hope and made me feel I belonged

there. One of his final acts was to arrange for my ordination, complete to the printing of the bulletins. The Youth Fellowship was important to me. I walked the mile to and from church just to attend the meetings. Helen Holt was a very interested and active adult advisor. And there were some very loyal members representing families such as Brown, Clapp, Friddle, Gerringer, Greeson, Levens, Neese, Joyce, Shoffner, Ingold and others. The Youth Fellowship encouraged me and supported me financially so I could attend UC Youth Movement Conference and National Youth Conference in Ohio. I cannot fail to mention the times in my early ministry to look out into the congregation and see the familiar face of Floyd Ingold. His visits were better than letters from home.

It seems late but maybe not inappropriate for me to say "Thanks, Mt. Hope, for helping make me what I became. I thank God for the influence of my parents Pearl and Howard Shepherd, and of Mt. Hope Church to mold me and guide me in my growth."

- Banks Shepherd

I enjoyed Sunday School and picnics. We had Sunday School booklets with pictures of Christ and others. Mr. John H. Holt and Mrs. Alice Long Welker were two of my teachers. I remember Memorial and Homecoming days with dinner on the grounds, wire tables, and old oak barrels of water. Johnnie Holt Coble and I gave concerts. She played and I sang.

The people at Mt. Hope are reaching out beyond the congregation, supporting the church as a whole, the Synod and General Synod. There is a spirit of cooperation. Mt. Hope is keeping up with the times. Mt. Hope has a great future.

-Reverend Levens

Since entering Catawba College in 1949, I have attended five other UCC churches. Often my thoughts turned to Mt. Hope and remembrances of growing up in the church.

Being born into a church going family at Mt. Hope, I became a member of the "Cradle Roll." I still have the card sent to me on my first birthday. I remember my teachers - Agnes Friddle, Maggie Coble, Jessie Holland and C. A. Greeson, and all the pastors beginning with Reverend Hiatt. Reverend Whitener was pastor when I was baptized and joined the church. Bible School and youth fellowship were important to me. Going to Johns River Camp for a two week camp, and later going as a counselor, gave me a broader view of the church and its mission.

Through all of these activities seeds were being planted for choices to be made later in my life. At Catawba College I was double majoring in mathematics and religion. I had full intention of becoming a mathematics teacher, but another door opened when I was a senior. Pastor Yearick told me about a new two year program being started in Lancaster Seminary which would lead to a Masters of Religious Education degree. He challenged me to enter the program to prepare to be a director of Christian education. Almost before I knew it, I was placed under the care of Southern Synod, and entered seminary in the fall of 1953. In 1955, I was the only person receiving the MRE degree and the only female in the graduating class. On August 14, 1955 Reverend Elden Spangler and Reverend Settlemire had a special service at Mt. Hope during which I was commissioned as a Lay Worker in the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

I served as director of Christian education for fifteen years at Faith Church, Philadelphia and Corinth Church, Hickory. After leaving the full time position at Corinth, I remained as an active member and

directed a church school program for the mentally challenged for twenty-six years.

Though I was away, I kept up with what was happening at Mt. Hope through family letters, church bulletins, newsletters, visits, etc. I was proud of the expanded programs, the new building projects and the ministry of laity and pastors.

Since retirement from Lenoir-Rhine College and moving back to this community in September, 1996, I rejoined Mt. Hope. I am back at "my home church", and look forward to many years in this loving and caring congregation.

- Jeanne Ingold

Melinda graduated from Southeast High School in 1988. She has a BA degree in Sociology from Catawba College, where she received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, and a Master of Arts Degree in Religion from Yale Divinity School. She has been a long life member of Mt. Hope Church, served as President of our Youth Fellowship and served on the Pastor Search Committee. Melinda worked the summers of 1986-1990 at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds and a member of The Ohio Conference Camp Staff. Her husband is Reverend Matthew Pinson, sister is Kim Coble and parents are H. W and Lorena Coble.

-Melinda Coble Pinson

OTHER CLERGY MEMBERS OF MOUNT HOPE

Coming into our membership are Reverend Lynne Hinton, Reverend Deborah Pope and Reverend Leslie Robinson.

Reverend Deborah Pope served as a parish minister in Kansas before moving to Gibsonville, closer to her childhood home, and attaining Privilege of Call in the UCC. She joined Mount Hope in July, 1996 and presently serves as a medical social worker in Burlington.

Dr. Leslie Robinson and his wife, Pam, live in High Point. Les was ordained in the Southern Baptist Church. He attained Privilege of Call in the same class with Lynne Hinton. Presently, Les works with the Center for Congregational Health at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and serves as an intentional interim in various congregations. He and Pam joined Mt. Hope in July, 1996.

- Lynne Hinton

CONSISTORY

The Consistory at Mt. Hope Church is very similar to a *Board of Deacons* in other churches. The Consistory at Mt. Hope is made up of 12 elected members nominated by a nominating committee and open to congregational nominations. The Consistory's main responsibility is leadership in decision-making by the church. The Consistory is also responsible for submitting a budget for congregational approval based on church committee recommendations. Consistory members are elected for two year terms, not to exceed two terms consecutively. After two consecutive two-year terms, members cannot run again until they have been off consistory for 1 year.

- Steve Wooten

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, 1832 - 1934

Tradition has it that the Zion's Sunday School was first organized in 1832 in the public school house (later named Neese's School) which was located across the road from the present Mt. Hope Church. In this large rural community, the people were religiously inclined but had no common meeting place for Christian fellowship within a reasonable distance. This large community was unchurched except for those faithful few who attended Coble's (Zion's) church or Brick (Klapp's) Reformed Church. Perhaps the founders of the Sunday School had in mind a social and educative, as well as a religious idea. At that time the school system was very poor and the founding of the Sunday School may have been a way of giving the people a meager education. No records were kept of the materials used, but we can guess that the Bible was the main textbook along with perhaps spelling and reading books.

The earliest record concerning the Sunday School reads: "Zion School at Schoolhouse No. 43 was reorganized on the 4th Sunday, July 23, 1848." A second record reveals that the school was re-organized April 10, 1849 with Jacob Clapp and John Foust serving as superintendents. Another record reads: "Zion's Sabbath School was re-organized May 18, 1851." In all probability, the superintendent was John Foust. The name of Zion Sunday School changed to Mt. Hope Sunday School March 1859 with John Foust superintendent. John Foust died May 12, 1861, and Joseph E. Phipps became the superintendent June 2, 1861.

In April 1864, there were eight classes with an enrollment of 36 pupils and 8 teachers. On May 6, 1866, J. R. Woods became superintendent, assisted by John Corsbie and Solomon E. Foust. Present were 58 teachers and scholars. On July 8, 1866, there were 92 teachers and scholars present while on November 4, there were only 24. The church and school suffered greatly during the Civil War, but the doors were never closed. Seventy-three names appeared on the roll in 1875. Supt. John Ingle was assisted by William H. Shaw. J. R. Woods became supt. in 1888. On the 4th Sunday in April 1888, there were 49 boys, 58 girls, 15 teachers and officers, and 14 visitors. The total enrollment was 154. There were eleven classes. Mr. Woods had served as superintendent for 40 years.

On January 6, 1907, Mr. J. W. Moser became superintendent. There were 92 scholars, and 12 officers and teachers present with 55 people absent. (Enrollment 159). At the close of 1908 the enrollment was 143. In 1909 the enrollment was 135. Miss Abigail Foust served as superintendent from November 20, 1910 until 1918. By the early 1930's, the enrollment had grown to 316. (See the list of superintendents for others who served).

The above history was taken from the book written by Joshua L. Levens in 1934 while he was a Senior in the seminary.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL 1935 - 1997

During the years 1935-1946, there were ten classes known by number, plus the cradle roll. In 1947 the number of classes increased by one. From 1936-1949, the average attendance ranged from 138 to 217 with the highest number present being 295 for Rally Day October 12, 1941 and 275 on May 12, 1946.

The World War II years (1942-1945) showed a small increase in Sunday School attendance even though many men and women were in service. At various times, several visitors were present.



M. C. Stewart taught school at Mt. Hope School. Pictured with **Ava Lucille Stewart** Born June 21, 1900

The enrollment during the 1938-1939 year was 262. On January 28, 1940; December 28, 1941 and January 9, 1944, there was no Sunday School assembly due to snow. The economics of these years were reflected in the offering - ranging from \$2 to \$18 per Sunday. With a steady growth in membership and attendance, the church sanctuary was not large enough for the classes. On March 26, 1939, an educational annex containing eight classrooms was dedicated. During these years

the traditional children's Christmas drama and the live Christmas tree from which Santa distributed the gifts were enjoyed by all. In the classes, "names were drawn" to exchange gifts to be placed under the tree. The children were given bags of nuts, fruits and candies. During the decade of the 1950's, Sunday School attendance increased. Two causes for the increase might be the people's turning to God in thanksgiving for the ending of World War II, and more and larger families. The average attendance went from 252 in 1950 to 354 in the 1958-1959 school year. In this decade the attendance was greater than 400 on 15 Sundays, and between 300 and 400 on 283 Sundays. On September 28, 1952 the attendance was 432 and was 440 on March 29, 1959 (Easter). Again the school was blessed by the interest shown by visitors. With a better economy and larger attendance, the offerings increased to a range of \$10's to \$50's. There were now fourteen classes/departments that were known by the following names: Cradle Roll, Nursery, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Junior High and Senior High Departments; Young Adult, Young Married Couples, Young Ladies, Whitener Bible, Young Men, Ladies Bible and Men's Bible Classes. The children met in their respective departments for worship. Then they held the class sessions in three different rooms. A modern educational building was erected in 1957 and dedicated on April 5, 1964. The traditional children's Christmas programs continued.

In the 1960's the average attendance varied from 263 to 343, and the offering ranged from \$30's to \$70's with \$95.07 being given on September 7, 1969. In the year 1966 - 1967, the enrollment was 455. Easter Sunday was a day well attended on: April 2, 1961 with 379 present; April 18, 1965 with 377 present; April 10, 1966 with 343 in attendance and on March 26, 1967 (not Easter) 383 were present. Snow and ice prevented the holding of services on January 17, 1965; January 30, 1966; February 19, 1967 and March 2, 1969. "Gleaners" became the new name for one of the married couples classes in 1960. In the 1960's the Board of Christian Education was formed. High School graduates were honored and presented Bibles. College graduates were also honored. In this decade (or earlier) from a list of shut-ins, at least one was assigned to each class. The classes did nice things for these people for holidays, birthdays, and at other times. Each year an ice cream supper was held

to honor the teachers.

The decade of the seventies found the average attendance decreasing from 256 to 147. The youth of the past 20 years had grown up, married and moved to other communities or cities in North Carolina and yes, to other states also. And as always there were some people in the community who had lost the feeling of needing to be in the Lord's House. The economy off-set the drop in attendance for the decade and raised the offerings - the range being from \$30's to more than \$100 per Sunday. January 12, 1975 was a very special day in the life of Mt. Hope Church. It was on this day that the *Service of Consecration* of the new church was held. There were 403 in Sunday School on this first day of service in the new church. There were ten classes and the latest Married Couples class was renamed the Samaritan Class. The Christmas programs were held as usual.

Attendance during the 1980's averaged from 146 in 1981 to 102 in 1988. In 1987 the enrollment was 246 with a total of 67 in the Nursery through the Senior High classes, and 179 in the adult classes. Also in 1987 the average attendance was 27 for the Nursery - Senior High classes and 82 in the adult classes. The number of families and the size of the families had decreased. Even with the decrease in attendance, the offerings continued to rise, going from \$40's to over \$100 per Sunday. A program and children's treats were still a traditional part of Christmas. In the 1980's the Sunday School was closed due to snow on : December 28, 1980; February 6, 1983; January 20, 1984 and February 19, 1989 (9 inches!). Sleet and frozen rain closed the school on December 10, 1989.

The present decade (1990's) finds the average attendance ranging from 116 in 1990 to 132 in 1996. The highest attendance was 182 on November 17, 1991. Through June 8, 1997, the average is 127. The enrollment in 1992 was 192 with 58 enrolled in the Nursery - Senior High classes and 134 in the adult classes. The offerings continue from \$50's to over \$100 per Sunday. On August 13, 1995 (50 years after the end of World War II), the veterans were honored during the Sunday School hour. Snow and ice closed the Sunday School and church services on March 14, 1993. The "Blizzard of '96" and the "Ice Storm of '96" closed the Sunday Services on January 7 and February 4 respectively. The Christmas drama, the all-school party, children's treats and Santa continue to delight everyone.

A new Young Adult class was formed in August, 1990. It was named the Disciples class in January, 1996. The Young Adult Class started out with eight active members: Jonathan Gerner, Lorrie and Bobby Hancock, Amanda and Alan Levens, Renee Roberts, Bob Lane, and Donna Isley, and two teachers, Rena Trahan and Mitchell Clendenin. Jonathan Gerner was the first president of the class and stayed the president until his death in April 1993. Jonathan's dream was for the class to grow. There were many Sundays when there was only one person in the class. The class struggled for several years. It was not until Jonathan was killed in a car accident that the class began to grow. The nine of us set out to make Jonathan's dream a reality. The first breakfast the class sponsored, in memory of Jonathan, was a huge success. The money was used to purchase play equipment at the Mt. Hope Ball Field in memory of Jonathan. Our class helps with the church suppers and 4th of July celebrations at the Mt. Hope Ball Field. We serve lunches after Sunday worship and participate in other activities. The class is now called the Disciples's Class and we have an enrollment of 44 people.

June, 1997 enrollment by classes: Nursery 3, Kindergarten 14, Primary 14, Junior 17, Junior High 10, Senior High 18, Disciples 44, Samaritan 35, Gleaners 43, Whitener Bible 22, and Men's Bible 12; Total 232.

- **Clarine Ingold and Lorrie Hancock**

PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1953-1954

ONE YEAR PIN

Mrs. Kecler Jones
 Mrs. Marcelia Gerner
 Mrs. Annie Belle Apple
 Mrs. Romona Underwood
 Mrs. Emma Faye Gerner
 Mrs. Hattie Stafford
 Mrs. Myrtle Slayton
 Mrs. Katie Woodard
 Mr. Howard Lambert
 Mr. Lindsey Stafford
 Mr. Paul Coble
 Mr. Fide Greeson
 Mr. Coy Amick
 Mr. Woodrow Underwood
 Mr. Howard Whitesell
 Mr. Paul Levens
 Sonja Whitesell
 Mrs. Ruth Gerringer
 Linda Stafford
 Brenda Slayton
 Mrs. Howard Lambert
 Bennie Gerner
 Maurice Greeson

Cheryl Underwood
 Randy Underwood
 J.C. Corsbie

TWO YEAR PIN

Mr. Ben Clapp
 Bernell Allison
 Priscilla Whitesell
 Ruth Clapp
 Mrs. Lillian Clapp
 Mrs. Laura Clapp
 Barbara Walker
 Pat Stafford
 Jerry Branson
 Betty Allison
 Mr. Sample Reece
 Wesley Coble
 Peggy Allison
 Marion Allison
 Betty Staley

THREE YEAR PIN

Mr. Ernest Clapp
 Mr. Bill Woodard

Mr. Larry Clapp
 Mr. Grant Clapp
 Jerry Clapp
 Ronald Clapp
 Linda Phipps
 Margaret Phipps

FOUR YEAR PIN

Lorena Levens
 Howard Levens
 Millard Levens
 Mrs. Alma Levens
 Mrs. Ernest Whitesell, Sr.
 Kenneth Clapp
 Edsell Greeson

FIVE YEAR PIN

Mrs. Lahla Gerner
 Mr. Harvey Greeson
 Mr. Murphy R. Levens
 Rev. Settlemyre

SIX YEAR PIN

Mrs. Susan Greeson



Sunday School Perfect Attendance Group 1950

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Mt. Hope's furniture and equipment was donated primarily by the congregation. Listed below are only a few of them, but there is a Gift Book along with many other books and records in the historical room, listing all of the donations if you would like to see more.

Found in Gift Book - May, 1975

A total of 52 pews were given in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones.

The Communion Table - Given by Mrs. C. A. Greeson Sr. in memory of C. A. Greeson Sr. and Ralph Burton Greeson (both deceased) and in honor of her living children.

The Pulpit - Given by Mr. George A. Neese. Sr., in memory of his wife's father and mother, Tom and Rebecca May.

The Lectern - Given by Mrs. Mary May Neese in memory of her father and mother, Tom and Rebecca May.

The Corner Stone - Given by Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Greeson

Sterling Silver Punch Bowl, Ladle & Tray - Given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shoffner in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Zimery Shoffner

Eternity light hanging in front of sanctuary in memory of Ernest and Flossie Whitesell, June 6, 1988.

OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST

1953 - March 31, Rev. Josh Levens was given a bicycle by the congregation. On July 12, Rev. Craven preached for Reverend Settlemyre. Rev. Craven was a student at the Lancaster Theological Seminary

1954 - March 7, Rev. Settlemyre was given permission to raise a steer at the parsonage.

1963 - The choir sold tablecloths to raise money for the new white choir robes.

1967 - November 1, The consistory voted that the minister should give 90 days notice and likewise the congregation should give 90 days notice. This is included in the call of our minister.

1969 - September 14, Rev. Joshua Levens was installed as Pastor at Brick Church.

1976 - Mrs. Vick Shaw gave a picture of Dr. Welker to the church.

1981 - Flag memorial was placed in memory of Allison Gannon.

1987 - J. C. May donated \$1,364.28 for a computer.

1987 - Julie Rierson started to work as our new secretary.

1989 - June, gift of Mt. Hope pew was delivered to John Settlemyre.

1990 - December 23, Rev. Lynne Hinton joined Mount Hope.

1993 - Two benches were placed in front of the church In Memory of Larry Barrier and Less and Ruth Gerringer

1995 - One bench in memory of Joe Staley, and in honor of Floyd Ingold and Everett Shue as an Eagle Scout project by Jonathan Slaughter.

1996 - October 1, Katrin Schirmer, German intern, arrived. A reception was held Oct. 20, 1996.

1997 - New sound system through the Jonathan Gerner Fund established by donations from the congregation and community, and money raised by the Disciples Sunday School Class, in memory of Jonathan.

- Darlene Johnson

SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND CELEBRATIONS



Trinna, Dana, Barbara, and Cleo Barker



Golden Age Supper Sept. 26, 1970

Mr. Walter Garrett, Mr. Rank Brown, Mrs. Pearl Shepherd,
Mrs. Less Friddle, Mrs. Iola Greeson, Mrs. Alma Levens,
Mr. Murphy Ingold, and Mr. Harvey Neese

Through the years, Mt. Hope Church has offered its church family and community many special celebrations and services in addition to the Sunday morning worship. This has given all of us a source of social, spiritual and Christian fellowship.

In the early days of the church, during the late 1800's, Exhibition Day was held. These festivities were held at Neese's School House. People did recitations and sang. Medals were awarded for the best recitation. Exhibitions were continued in the 1930's at the Mt. Hope School House in order to raise money for the addition of eight Sunday School rooms attached to the back of the sanctuary. Food was sold and there were skits and recitations.

Lawn and box parties were held in the early 1900's on the lawns of individual members' homes. The single ladies would pack a picnic in a decorated box. The gentlemen would bid on these boxes and the highest bidder would buy the box and ask that particular lady to share the meal. There were games for children and home-made ice cream for everyone.

The first Homecoming and Memorial Day was celebrated in 1924. A lot of planning has always gone into this special day. In the earliest days, dinner on the grounds was served on Saturday. The table was made of wire fence that was stretched between two trees. Ice water was put in large oak barrels. Someone would bring ice from town. In later years, the meal was changed to Sunday. An afternoon service was held in the church with singing and a time for remarks from visitors about their memories of their relatives in the church. The attendance became so small that it was discontinued. One tradition that has remained through today is the service in the cemetery. Before the 11:00 service begins, there is a roll call and decorating of graves of all the members who have died in the past year. There is always a guest speaker and a meal served with lots of good food.

Cool fall nights always meant "Big Meeting" time, later called Fall Revival. This dates back to the early beginnings of the church. There are visiting pastors, lots of singing and always the Altar Calls. "Revive Us Again" and "Just As I Am" were hymns that were often sung. In the early days, Revival would last as long as two weeks with people coming from other communities to join in the worship and fellowship. The visiting pastors stayed in the minister's home and their meals were served in different members' homes. People would set aside their work to attend morning meetings because of the limitations of night travel and for the benefit of night workers. As times have changed, now Revival is held for 4-5 nights in the fall with local ministers as our guest speakers.

The beginning of Bible School is really not known. Some think it was derived from catechism classes held in the 1800's. It has always been held in the summer, sometimes in the morning and sometimes in the evening. It lasts for one week and occasionally two weeks with the ages of attendees ranging from infants to adults. Bible study, crafts, singing, recreation, and refreshments all make up the annual Bible School. The week always ends with a picnic or hot dog meal and the following Sunday morning worship service is led by the children. One of the highlights is receiving your certificate with gold stars for perfect attendance.

The first Brunswick Stews were held in the early 1940's in the basement of the first educational building. These were held to raise money for the new educational building. The Brunswick stew was made in large black pots outside over an open fire.

Harvest Festivals were held in the 1950's in the basement of the new educational building. These festivals consisted of selling Brunswick stew, donated items, local produce, homemade canned and baked goods, and handmade items. The item that always brought the most money was the quilt which was made by the Ladies' Bible Class. These quilts would be auctioned off and sometimes would bring over \$100. The money from these festivals was used to pay for the new educational

building which was built in 1957.

Golden Age Suppers began in the mid 1950's and have continued through today. They are given by the Women's Fellowship. These suppers are held annually to honor members who are 60 years of age and older. They consist of a free dinner, games, and entertainment. Some forms of entertainment have been a Womanless Wedding, a play, music, "Hee Haw" shows, and special guests. This is enjoyed not only by the senior citizens, but also by those participating.

Over the years, Mt. Hope has become famous for the Chicken Pie/Bar-B-Q Suppers. In 1971, the first supper was held with the money going to the church building fund. At first, it was held once a year, but it was such a great success that it's now held every Spring and Fall. The Chicken Pie/Bar-B-Q Supper is sponsored by the Young Married (Samaritan) Class, but the whole church works together to contribute to this worthwhile project. The proceeds from the supper are used for the church building fund and property with 15% of the proceeds going toward a project or organization outside of the church.

The two religious holiday celebrations in the church are Advent and Lent. In the early history of the church, a very large Christmas tree was placed in the church. It was so large that the branches touched the ceiling. Gifts were wrapped and exchanged with friends and neighbors. Sometimes, Santa Claus would even come to visit. Children have always looked forward to receiving their Christmas treats in brown paper bags. In the later years, children have presented plays and singing of carols. In more recent years, the Hanging of the Greens (decorating of the sanctuary) is held at the beginning of Advent. The Disciple Sunday School Class has started a new tradition of presenting a Live Nativity Scene the week before Christmas which attracts people throughout the community.

Special services are held during the Lenten Season. An Ash Wednesday service is held at the beginning of Lent. An Easter Egg Hunt is given for the children every year. During Holy Week, a Maundy Thursday Communion service and a Good Friday service is held. On Easter morning, we celebrate the resurrection with a sunrise service and fellowship breakfast.

There may be other occasions and activities that have occurred within the church, but these are some of the most remembered. Mt. Hope has indeed served not only as a center of worship in the community, but also as a great source of fellowship and socialization. Our lives and memories have been enriched through the many experiences that Mt. Hope has given us.

- **Cindy Brown Hughes**

DATES

1914 - The classes appointed Rev. Clarence Woods as Superintendent of Young People's work.

1936 - July - First camp session at John's River Camp with 30 campers.

1936 - Mt. Hope Society elects Mrs. Grant Clapp as president of the Ladies Aid. Elizabeth Ann Reece, six months old won first place in the baby contest. Vance Delano Greeson won second place and Jean Jones won third place.

1948 - Wanda Ingold and Coy Amick were married on Nov. 20 at the parsonage.

1948 - The Parish News was a newsletter made monthly to Mt. Hope and Brick Church. Rev. Arthur Detwiler was the minister at both churches. The ratio between the two Churches is two members at Mt. Hope to every one at Brick.



Fellowship in the Parish Center in 1950

1952 - Murphy Levens Family had perfect attendance for Sunday School 1951-52 year.

1952 - Leap year club - Herbert Apple and C. H. Clapp are members.

1952 - Jan. 20 - Decided to build a tool building on the Southside of cemetery.

1953 - Hobert and Annie Lee Apple were married June 6. A beautiful private wedding.

1955 - July 3 - The Planning Committee recommended to the Consistory that the new church be built in front of the present church on the opposite side of the road. The Consistory agreed. The congregation talked about the new location on July 31. Rev. Settlemyre held the vote. One hundred and thirteen (113) votes were cast for across the road, and One hundred and three (103) for the present site. On November 27, a congregational meeting was held to reconsider the original decision. At this meeting, there were 134 members in favor of revoting and 94 members who opposed revoting. At some point a petition was signed by 152 members to stop any move. It was subsequently decided to prevent any further dissention to leave the church on the present site.

1955 - October 9 - Julius Phipps reported worms in the pines that he was planning to give the church. He said we would have to use them soon.

1962 - March 7 - Julius Phipps donated 2 acres of land to build a house for Mt. Hope to sell. Money will be used for building fund.

- 1963 - Mt. Hope had an average attendance in church school of 327, with 479 on roll.
- 1963 - Mrs. Dewey Greeson was hired as a part-time secretary.
- 1964 - September 2 - Decision was made to give each person offering envelopes.
- 1967 March 1 - Pete Sharp was asked to build special cabinet for storing communion equipment.
- 1967 April 5 - Noise in church prior to the worship service. It was felt something should be done.
- 1967 August 2 - Jo Ann Gauldin was secured for secretary. The Consistory voted unanimously in favor of her.
- 1968 - Walter Garrett was custodian.
- 1969 - April 15 - Women's Guild bought new punch bowl, cups, and plates 150 for \$32.40. Carlene Neese got them for the Guild May 2, 1969, Fellowship Day.
- 1969 - October - Alamance Presbyterian Church advised Reverend Craven about the Community Thanksgiving service with Tabernacle, Coble's Church and Mt. Hope.
- 1971 - June 14 - The Women's Guild will accept green stamps to buy a bus for migrant workers.
- 1972 - January 3 - Floyd Ingold received the *Silver Beaver Award*, Boy Scouts of America for distinguished service to boyhood.
- 1972 - February 13 - Gilmer Greeson's house burned.
- 1972 - April 22 - Sharon Reece wedding; May 13 - Carolyn Reece wedding; August 26 - Grace Reece wedding (Reverend Craven's notes).
- 1973 - March 31 - Cemetery Wash Day (Reverend Craven's notes).
- 1973 - Easter Sunday - The last Sunday worship service in the wooden church building.
- 1974 - Basement weddings - July 31 - Jackie Herbin Wedding (Reverend Craven's notes).
- 1975 - January 13 - The first service was held in the new church.
- 1975 - April 11 - Kill hogs for Supper.
- 1975 - April 19 - Nancy Amick and Ronnie Slaughter wedding was the first in the new church.
- 1975 - June 7 - Alan and Susan Sawyer's wedding in new church.
- 1982 - January 17 - Janet and Jeff Welker joined the church.



Preaching in the Basement while the New Sanctuary was being built (taken about 1974)

- 1982 - April 25 - Floyd Ingold retired after serving 30 years as Scoutmaster of Troop 374.
- 1983 - May 23 - Amanda Phipps Levens, a rising senior, was selected to attend the 44th annual *Tar Heel* Girls State,(a study of government). She was 1 out of 346 girls in North Carolina to attend.
- 1983 - November 12 - Hayride at John Phipps - Youth Fellowship.
- 1984 - Lorrie Gerringer (wedding counseling with Reverend Craven).
- 1989 - Clint Moore will be baptized when it is possible for Grandfather Larry to be present.
- 1991 - December - First annual nativity scene by (Young Adult Class) Disciples Class.
- 1992 - August 13 - Handicapped Spaces were marked.
- 1992 - Wayne Woodard reconstructed the manhole outside the church at Old Julian Road at no charge.
- 1992 - August 13 - Loflin Funeral Home was responsible for an unauthorized digging of a grave in the cemetery, mistaking our church for Coble's Church.
- 1995 - Mt. Hope agreed to sponsor a Bosnian family (Pattie Ash was in charge).
- 1997 - Guy and Pearl Brown observed their 67th wedding anniversary March 8, 1997, Guy was 91 on April 20 and Pearl was 88 on January 19th.
- **Lorrie Gerringer Hancock**



Tearing down old Church in 1973



Erecting Steeple atop new Church

MISSIONS

In 1994, members of Mt. Hope United Church of Christ joined with Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church and Bethel Presbyterian Church in McLeansville to work collectively on the vision to make a house affordable for a family in Eastern Guilford County. Bennie Gerner represented Mt. Hope on the steering committee for the Habitat for Humanity Eastern Guilford house. Various fund raisers were held over the next two and a half years by the three churches, both jointly and individually, including a car wash and hot dog lunch, bible school collections and chicken pie suppers to raise the \$42,000 needed for the project. Ground breaking occurred on October 26, 1996. Many members volunteered and worked along side the members of other churches in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. It was definitely a labor of love and a grand example of working together for the common goal of mankind. The vision was complete and a dream came true for Sergio and Angela Diaz, along with their children, Sergio II, Yokasta and Moises, when the house was completed and dedicated in May, 1997.

With the encouragement of our pastor and our sister church Congregational UCC in Greensboro, a missions work trip was planned for the summer of 1996 to work on substandard housing in Harlan, Kentucky, a deserted coal mining town in the Appalachian mountains. The work was coordinated through a non-profit organization called COP -- Christian Outreach to Appalachian People. Fifteen of our members left for Harlan to spend a week working on substandard housing. Our group was comprised of eight adults and seven youths - Bennie and Judy Gerner, Alan (Beezer) Levens, James and Ann Owen, Alan and Susan Sawyer, Richard Spurlin, Tracy Belvin, Michael Craft, Anna Kirkman, Jaime Owen, Jodi Owen, Lana Patterson and Dana Spurlin. While the first missions trip for Mt. Hope was in the summer of 1996, it was just the beginning. A return trip to Harlan is planned for 1997 for a group of twenty.

- Judy Gerner

ADULT CARE AND RESPITE PROGRAM

On April 21, 1997 Mt. Hope celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Adult Care and Respite Program. This program is sponsored by the Adult Center for Enrichment in Greensboro and is designed to give caregivers of frail and impaired adults a break so that they can take care of other errands. It also allows the participants a chance to interact in a social setting with their own individual needs and interests in mind, but under the watchful eye of program staff. Mt. Hope has been proud to participate in this community-based, church-centered effort to make home care a feasible option for rural residents.

- Elizabeth Craft

CHURCH WOMEN

North Carolina Reformed Church Women was organized at Mt. Hope Church when Rev. J. D. Andrew was pastor. Following is an article written by Joshua L. Levens in 1934 while a student at Lancaster Seminary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was organized at Mt. Hope Church in 1927. It was felt that such an organization would be a vital force in furthering the church work in the community. At the same time it was felt that a study of missions should be constantly carried on. The auxiliary meets each month at the homes of the members. The women of the church have done great things. For a number of years they have been working on a building fund. The bank crisis (during the great depression) put them back almost to where they started, but they again are busily engaged in raising money. They also are actively engaged in social services work. Much interest is shown in mission study and work.

In 1934 the officers were: Mrs. Charles Reece, President; Mrs. Albert Foust, Vice-president; and Mrs. L. Clarence Reece, Secretary-Treasurer.

In the 1950's there was four circles at Mt. Hope. The official name during this time was the Women's Guild. Officers for 1958-1959 were: President, Mrs. J. C. Corsbie; 1st VP, Miss Betty Jo Noah; Secretary, Miss Lorena Levens; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. Thurman Greeson; Treasurer, Miss Elsie Ingold. In or near the year 1968 the official name was changed to Church Women.

Currently we have two circles-the Mary Martha Circle and the Willing Workers Circle with approximately 30 members. The church women meet once a month in the homes of the members or as a joint group at the church.

The church women have various projects and support the children's homes, retirement centers, camps, and Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds (B.R.A.G.) of the Southern Conference. A dinner with entertainment is sponsored annually, The Golden Age Dinner, for the seniors in our church. This has been a tradition starting sometime in the 1960's. Also many Life Membership and Honor Certificates have been given with monies going to scholarships for young people in the Southern Conference attending college.

- Glenda Andrews

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS I REMEMBER

Nola Woodard - young and kind.

- **Mary Catherine Moser**

Mary Catherine Moser - I remember eating bread and jelly and listening to Bible stories.

- **Kristen Layton**

Pattie Ashe - I feel comfortable with her and knew she would lead me in the right direction.

- **Christine Robinson**

Mrs. Helen Euliss - She was a good teacher and knew her Bible.

- **Maxine Shoffner**

Larry Moore - He always shared with us a story of his life.

- **Melinda W. McDade**

Christy Volle and Darlene Johnson - They are very nice and try to help us with our problems.

- **Pamela Perkins**

Bennie Gerner - He has been a strong influence on me as a teacher.

- **Michelle Register**

Mr. Jim Edmonds - He was always very sincere and well prepared. He was interesting and very well versed in the teaching of the Bible.

- **Ernest Clapp**

Christie Volle and Darlene Johnson - They are both very nice.

- **Jennifer Sawyer**

Elijah Belvin and Grant Clapp - In August, 1938 they took the Sunday School Class to Battleground Park. This was the farthest from home I had ever been. I was sure that we were close to the end of the earth. I had such a good time. I thought I had died and gone to heaven.

- **Clyde Gerringer**

Doris Gerringer Walsh - She told us Bible stories that sounded so real. She had my total attention.

- **Kathy Barrier Hicks**

Lorrie Hancock - I have always loved her. I remember being a part of her class when I was a child. Recently she has begun teaching my Senior Class. I still love her, and I guess she thinks I love her enough to walk around the grave yard at 10:00 a.m. writing down names for this book. Well she is right. I enjoy helping her as she has helped me in my growing years at Mt. Hope.

- **Kim Harris**

Elaine Layton - She is nice to us and pretty.

- **Dana Johnson**

Carolyn Holt Beyer - She knew her Bible well and used every day life experiences. Her smiling face was our welcomed greeting.

- **Unknown**

Betty Jo Noah - She was a very special friend for all, even though she didn't have any children, she was loved by all children. Always there for me.

- **Judy Mathis**

Mary Levens Reece taught my Sunday School class when I first started coming to Mt. Hope and made me feel very welcomed.

- **Millie Lambert**

Blanche Greeson was enthusiastic and with her sweet disposition made me know she cared about us. She was my 4th grade Sunday School teacher and has remained a true caring person through many years. Her time spent with four of us young girls, taking us around to sing in our quartet, has made a lasting impression. We still laugh about a barking dog that had us so scared and tickled that we couldn't sing, even though that happened 30 years ago.

- **Gloria Belvin**

Carlene Neese taught the Samaritan class for many years when we were "The Young Married Couples" class. She was very faithful and supportive, and used life's experiences in her lessons.

- **Barbara Greeson**

Lorrie Hancock - the thing I remember most about her was she'd always tell the boys, when they wouldn't listen, that she'd kiss them if they didn't listen.

- **Emily Staley**

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

1875 - John T. Ingle	1931 - Robert B. Andrew	1960 - Paul Coble
1888 - J.R. Woods	1931 - Kecil Greeson	1962 - Jim Edmonds
1906 - J.R. Woods	1932 - Lewis Holt	1964 - David Levens
1907 - J. W. Moser	1934 - Gordon Holt	1966 - Clifton Greeson
1907 - W. S. Friddle	1936 - Keith Greeson	1968 - Larry Crawford
1907 - W. A. Welker	1938 - Raymond Holt	1970 - Noral Belvin
1908 - R. L. Jones	1948 - J. C. Corsbie	1972 - David Levens
1909 - W. S. Friddle	1950 - Helen Holt Euliss	1974 - Noral Belvin
1910 - Miss Abigale Foust	1952 - Ernest Clapp	1976 - Mrs. Carlene Neese
1918 - Milton Foust	1954 - Ernest Clapp	1978 - David Levens
1921 - Mrs. H. W. Welker	1955 - Paul Coble	1980 - Mrs. Nancy Phipps
1922 - W. S. Friddle	1956 - Ernest Clapp	1982 - Miss Clarine Ingold
1923 - J. C. Andrew	1958 - Jim Edmonds	1994 - Mrs. Sandy Gardner

- **Doris Walsh**

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 374

Mt. Hope Church has a very rich history in Boy Scouts. In the late 1940's there was an explorer post at the church. In the early 1950's a Boy Scout Troop was formed. It's number was 374. It's history stretches from then to the early 1990's. Throughout that period of time the troop took part in many of the various activities in and around Mt. Hope Church. Troop 374 became synonymous in the General Greene and later Old North State Councils with achievement and leadership. During the period 1954-1985 24 boys became Eagle Scouts. Many of our church leaders can trace their Christian values and morals to their participation in Troop 374. In this period of the 150th anniversary celebration, we thank the many adult leaders of troop 374 who helped the people of Mt. Hope achieve the respect and Christianity our church is noted for.

- Alan Levens (Beezer)



God & Country Awards given to: Perry Moser, Douglas Clapp, Larry Clapp, & Kenneth Clapp, March 28, 1965

CHOIR

The choir Directors were: Glen Shoffner, Robert Windham, Jean Scholar, Mrs. McGahee, Geo Coulman, William DeViney, Betty Settlemire and Nan Wooten. David Swaim and Jean Greeson started a Junior Choir in 1953. Joan Greeson, Linda Greeson and Sylvia Belvin have all worked with the Junior Choir in recent years. The choir had lawn parties and talent shows to make money to pay for our first big organ. My sister Irene painted plates to sell and the choir sold many doughnuts. We

have had many wonderful piano and organ players. Sylvia Belvin is the current organist and Jean Greeson is the assistant. The following people have played a part in the church music over the years - some played for Sunday School - we apologize if anyone has been left off. Flora Jones, Etta Jones Shaw, Blanch Greeson (Mrs. Ed.) Lucille Reece, Irene Jones Shoffner, Helen Holt, Hattie Stafford, Jean Jones Greeson, Margaret Shoffner Barker, Carolyn Holt Beyer, Sylvia Holt Belvin, Cindy Brown Hughes, Gina Brown Pickett, Lisa Horney Coffey, Gail Andrews Clayton, Elizabeth Craft, Nancy Phipps, Kristin Gerner, Bob Layne, Stephanie Moore Warren.

- Jean Greeson



Choir Photograph in the old Sanctuary

- Row 1: Rev. Homer Yearick, Gertrude Wall, Mozelle Corsbie, Peggy Vaughn, Hilda Bates, Peggy Wood, Fannie Whitesell, Hallie Bell Andrews, Patsy Keyser, Lorena Levens, Robert Windham (Choir Director)
- Row 2: Hattie Stafford, Millie May, Jean Greeson, Gladys Michaux, Laura Clapp, Ella Isley, Frances Holt, Lillian Greeson, Pearl Brown, Irene Shoffner (Organist)
- Row 3: David Swaim, Kecler Jones, Pat Levens, Ruth Harris, Agnes Friddle, Howard Whitesell, David Levens, Howard Isley
- Row 4: Lee Clapp, C. A. Greeson, Harvey Greeson, Grant Clapp, Harry Jones, and Guy Brown.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR

Because of a generous gift made through the Bob Vaughn Fund, Mt. Hope was able to go forward with the purchase of hand bells. The cost of the bells, music, and other equipment was supplemented by a donation from the church supper fund. The first hand bells arrived Easter week of 1995 (2 octaves) with the third octave being added Easter 1996. The first performance given by the group was in the summer of 1995 - just a few months after the arrival of the bells! There are 11 ringers: as of this printing the majority are youth, with only two adults in the group. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Jim Brewer, has been a wonderful addition to many of our special worship services.

- Elizabeth Craft

THE JUNIOR SERMON

The Junior Sermon or Children Time was being taught as early as sixty-five years ago by Rev. J. D. Andrew, an interim pastor sometime between 1922 and 1927. One of the children participating in the junior sermon during that time was Ruth Harris. She still has a small book from the New Testament that Rev. Andrew gave to the children.

The Junior Sermon was not taught after Rev. Andrew left the church until the time of Rev. Billy Joe Leonard started it again. It continues to be a special part of our worship service today.

- Ricky Harris

DEAR GOD, HEAR OUR CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

These are prayers of children of Mt. Hope. Those of the four-year-olds and younger were written down for them; all are typed exactly as they were written.

Dear God:

Thanks for watching over me. And thanks for making me and my family. Love
- Brant Hancock Age 11

Thank you for life. Thank you for my prents too.
- Graham Greeson Age 8

Thank you for the few things: life, death, family, and animels, clothes. Sincerely,
- Jared Watson Age 9



The Junior Sermon, 1987

Thank you for giving me a wonderful family. They're always there for me when I need them. Also thank you for giving me my friends. Love,

- Michael Hughes Age 11

Thanks for life, and Cody, Blacky, friends and family.

- Brittany Cauthren Age 11

Thank you for today and all the people who care for us! Thank you for letting it be a beautiful day. And thank you for my parents who love me very much!!! Amen! Love,

- Jenna Kirkman Age 9

Dear Lore, i love you.

- Logan Nance Age 7

Jesus loves me. I like the church please keep us together. Love,

- Kyle Whitesell Age 4

Thank you for life, family, and friends. Love,

- Dorie Staley Age 11

Pray for this day, and bless the people in the church. Thank you for giving me courage to be good.

- Dana Johnson Age 7

I love you. Thank you for my family. Please God keep us together. Amen

- Chelsey Cox Age 7

Thank you for my grandparents. Thank you for family and friends.

- Andy Greeson Age 9

Lord, i thank you for everything you've done for me. Love,

- Taylor C. Moser Age 6

Thank you for my church. Thank you for letting me come to this church.

- Tiffany Cauthren Age 6

Thank you for all the things you have given us. Aw man. Love

- Brittany Reece Age 7

Please let our church last forever. And help Mt. Hope through good times and bad. Look after everyone who goes to our church. Love forever,

- Megan Watson Age 10

Thank you for letting us be here today. I enjoy coming here let us always stay together. Amen

- Shannon Cox Age 11

Thank you for Lynne and my church. Help the homeless people find a home.

- Julie Belvin Age 10

I love the way you made me and my family. I also love the way you made nature and other people. Thank you for making everything.

- Love Whitney (Hancock) Age 9

Please let my friend Wesley's dad get a wife so they can have a mother.

- Brad Ash Age 10

Thank you for my cat Smokie. Send me a dog. Thank you for my fish. Thank you for Brianna. Thank you for Joseph's hamster.

- Lauren Moser Age 4

Thank you for my new house. Thank you for all sports. Thank you for not being sick and not having to stay out of school. Amen!!!!

- Joseph Moser Age 9

Thank you for baseball. Love

- John Perkins Age 8

I love you. Thank you for mommy and daddy. Thanks for crayons and my cat, also.

- Rachael Coffin Age 3

Please let me have my own room.

Donnie Perkins Age 10

Thank you for my dog, Beethoven. Please send me another dog. I want to name him BINGO. Love

- Adam Kirkpatrick Age 4



The Junior Sermon, 1997

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Youth Fellowship used to be referred to as Christian Endeavors. The purpose is to help young people grow and understand the Christian way of life and to see themselves as a part of the church.

It was during the pastorate of Rev. C. E. Hiatt that there began a movement toward ministering to the youth of Mt. Hope. This was accomplished by the holding of Youth Sundays in the charge. Although records are not available there was a Christian Endeavor group prior to Rev. Hiatt's pastorate. Mt. Hope youth organized a Youth Fellowship of the E&R Church while Rev. A. W. Hedrick was their pastor. The Youth Fellowship grew consistently through the earlier years of its forming and has constantly maintained a steady membership to the present. Striving for fellowship, inspiration and service, this organization has become a very integral part of Mt. Hope U. C. C., just as it was during its formation. During the early years Miss Helen Holt gave timelessly and unselfishly of her time and abilities in counseling this group. Carrying on this same tradition as counselors were Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Neese, Betty Jo Noah Stiles and Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Gerner to recognize just a few of the many devoted and caring counselors Mt. Hope youth Fellowship has been blessed to have. Under our current pastor, Rev. Lynne Hinton, our youth have experienced enormous spiritual growth, staying active and supportive of our worship and church within our community, the youth continues serving Mt. Hope UCC and the community with worshipping Christ as their central focus.

- Dallas Belvin



Mt. Hope Christmas Play, 1995

A TRICKLE OF TROUBLE

During our 150 years, there were a few accidents...

1862's

During this time many people died; most of them during spring; April 1862. The reason for their deaths is thought to be flu which is short for influenza. However, some died of diphtheria, an infectious throat disease.

1930's

Some of the men of the church were putting a roof on the old church. George Neese threw a board and accidentally hit Murphy Ingold in the head and knocked a hole in his head. He would not go to the hospital. Murphy never went to the hospital in his whole life. He said, "There was no hospital built for Murph Ingold."

1938-40's

Ben Gerner was digging under the old church building. They were digging a basement by hand. A pillar fell on him, causing him to lose his arm.

1940's

One day during Bible school a few boys were horsing around; they were throwing the chair bottoms and hitting one another. Clifford Clapp threw a chair bottom at his friend, Vastine Greeson, and accidentally hit him in the eye. The preacher took him to the doctor and maybe to the hospital. Vastine lost his eye, but the two boys remained friends.

1990's

Joseph Moser was attending Bible School. He was outside getting ready to come back into the church, and as he was opening the door, his hand went through the glass causing him to have several stitches.



Rebuilding the Retaining Wall, June 27, 1994

The men of the church were working on the retaining wall. Harold Neese got sick. He went to the fire department and Byron Greeson checked him. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance where he learned he had had a heart attack.

- Lorrie Geringer Hancock

MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

The cemetery dates back to 1844, three years before the first brush arbor was built. It was on May 19, 1844 that Lemuel Phipps was buried at what became Mt. Hope Church. Dr. George W. Welker's notes tell us that for this first burial the text used for the sermon was taken from John 3:16-17.

An old stone wall was built around the cemetery and remained for years and years. The cemetery was poorly kept; grass, broom-sage and weeds grew knee high. It was cleaned only when individuals decided to improve their family plots. Someone conceived the idea that people should have more respect for those who had passed on into the Great Beyond than was being shown by the people of the community. The result was the organization of The Mt. Hope Church Memorial Association in 1923. It was decided to lay the cemetery off in plots and let the people choose the plots as they desired. Walks were to be made through the cemetery. The old stone wall was to be removed and hedge was to replace it. All of this was easier said than done. But it was done. Perhaps Charles E. Starr deserves more credit for this splendid work than any other individual.

The next step taken was to hold an annual Memorial (Homecoming) service on the last Sunday in May to pay tribute to the builders and forefathers of the church. Morning and afternoon services were held and dinner was served "on the grounds." It is indeed a home coming day. People who live miles away come back to their old home church for this impressive service. There was always a time for visitors to speak during the afternoon sessions.

The Homecoming and Memorial Day Services continue to be held (now on the third Sunday in May) with a memorial service by the cemetery at 10:30, an 11:00 service in the sanctuary and dinner in the fellowship hall. The association officers obtain the guest speaker for the 11:00 service. The expenses for this special day and for the care of the cemetery are met by the contributions of the church members and friends.

The present association officers are: President - Howard Whitsell; Vice-President - Bennie Gerner; Secretary-Treasurer - L. B. Friddle; Assistant - David Swaim; Plot Engineer - J. H. Neese, Jr.; Assistant - Thurman Greeson.
- **Clarine Ingold**

MILITARY MEMORIES

These people not only served Christ but served their Country. The following is a listing of Mt. Hope's veterans of the last 150 years.

War with Mexico (April 1846-September 1847)

Was caused by the dispute about the boundary line. North Carolina was so far from the scene that only a limited number of soldiers were required, our people were not seriously affected by it.

War between the States (Civil War 1861-1865)

In this horrible war all able-bodied men age 17 to 45 were drafted into service of the Confederacy.

Jacob Foust - Prisoner of War	Samuel T. B. Grey - Killed in Petersburg, VA
Dave Greeson-Arm shot off	A. Alphonso May - Died VA

Daniel Franklin May - Died Petersburg, VA
W. Rudy May

George A. Neese *
Riley Neese - Died at Gettysburg, PA
Joseph E. Phipps *

*Both men died in war in 1862. They had above average education for their time.

Spanish American War (1898)

This was a short war, but caused a lot of turmoil for a while.

World War I (1914-1918)

The U.S. entered on April 6, 1917.

James Grant Clapp
Albert (Buck) Foust

Henry L. Farmer
John Shue

World War II (1939-1945)

This was the most devastating war in human history.

Pacific Islands and Japan

Herman Brown
Ben D. Clapp (also Atlantic)
Clarence Clapp
Ernest Clapp
John Nolan Clapp
Lacy Clapp

Richard Covell
Harry C. Jones
Henry Lee Farmer
James J. Farmer
Henry Foust
Lester Harris
Lewis Isley

Bill Kirkman
Marvin Nance
Delbert Neese
Warren Neese
Grady E. Reece
Bill Swaim
Vance Smith
S. Gordon Woodard

Killed in Action

J. B. Barrett (first husband of Millie Lambert)
William Friddle

Bynum McClintock (first husband of Louella May)
Clyde M. Reece

Great Britain-Europe

Guy Brown
Lee Clapp
Cecil Covell (India)
Floyd Ingold

Ralph Moser
G.A. Neese
Leonidas Neese
Ralph Neese

Ross Phipps(POW)
Dale Stafford
Clyde E. Reece
Sherlie G. Reece
Charles Victor

Mediterranean and North Africa

Paul Coble

Robert Farmer

Bob Lane, Jr.

In Service In the United States

Lacy Kendal Clapp
George Covell, Jr.
(Panama Canal)

Jim Ingold
John Johnson

Swannie Shoffner Johnson
Fred Koestner

Korea

Struggle between Communist North Korea and Noncommunist South Korea
Alton Brown Carl May Don Swaim

Those serving in Germany or at sea during time of ongoing Korean conflict

Dean Andrews Gene Carpenter Bill Ingold
Reed Burroughs John Calvin Farmer David Levens
Dewey Greeson

Vietnam (1961-1973)

Joe Anzaldua (POW) Howard Walter Burnside Andy Priesmeyer
Bob Branard H. W. Coble Carl Tucker

Persian Gulf

Military Struggle between Kuwait and Iraq during January-February 1991
Maggie (Dunn) Welker

Military Personnel

Charles Brown	Philip Fittante	John W. Neese
Jonathan A. Brown	Coy Greeson	J. R. Shoffner, Jr.
Doug Clapp	Earl Dean Greeson	Ricky Shoffner
Ruby Kariel Clapp	Oscar Wayne Greeson	Donald Slayton
Terry Clapp	Vance Greeson	Michael Swaim
E. Willamer Clapp	Jeff Herbin	Mitchell Swaim
J. C. Corsbie	J. W. Johnson	Bob Vaughn
Mazie Coulman	Howard Lambert	Homer Walsh
George H. Covell, Sr.	Jeff McClean	William Welker, Sr.
W. D. Covell	Bill Miller	Thomas Woodard

Army Reserve

Larry Barrier
Wayne Greeson

National Guard

Cleo Barker
L.B. Friddle
Homer Greeson
Maurice Greeson
Jack Jones
John Phipps
Everette Shue
Ernest Whitesell, Jr.

Marine Reserve

Bennie Gerner

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- Lorrie Hancock

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JULY 12, 1997



Rev. Raymond Craven, Revs. Jim and Denise Smelley, Burning of the Mortgage

A

ALLEN, M/M George M.
 ALLISON, Mary (Mrs. Holt)
 ALLRED, Vickie
 ALLRED, Katie (Mrs. Sam)
 ALLRED, Samuel
 ALVEY, Robin Lambert
 AMICK, Coy & Wanda
 AMICK, Jeff
 AMMONS, Emma Faye
 ANDERSEN, Deborah Moser
 ANDREWS, Barry
 ANDREWS, Martha
 ANDREWS, Dean & Glenda
 ANDREWS, Jesse
 ANDREWS, Maude (Mrs. Percy)
 ANDREWS, Lisa Andrews
 ANZALDUA, Joe & Beverly; Aaron,
 Justin
 APPLE, Hobert & Annie Lee
 ASH, Mark & Pattie
 AYERS, Linda

B

BARKER, Cleo & Virginia
 BARKER, Dana
 BARTON, Louise
 BELVIN, Agnes
 BELVIN, Amy
 BELVIN, Dallas & Gloria; Tracy
 BELVIN, Lance

BELVIN, Sylvia
 BELVIN, Terry
 BELVIN, Tommie Sue
 BEMIS, Susan Brown
 BOYD, Cathy
 BOYD, Samuel
 BRADSHAW, Jennifer Greeson
 BRADY, Tracy Ayers
 BRANNOCK, Jr., Henry
 BRANNOCK, Jamie
 BRANSON, Alan
 BRANSON, Jack & Dona
 BRANSON, Jerry & Pat
 BRANSON, Ruby (Mrs. W. A.)
 BREWER, Jim & Janet
 BRIANNA, Judith
 BROWN, Alton & Swannie
 BROWN, Charles & Jaynee
 BROWN, Guy & Pearl
 BROWN, Willis
 BURNSIDE, Howard
 BURNSIDE, Leonard
 BURNSIDE, Nancy (Mrs. Guy)
 BURROUGHS, Bernice
 BUSICK, Edward & Helen

C

CALHOUN, Barbara C.
 CARPENTER, Gene S.

CAUTHREN, Ricky & Donna
 CHAPMON, Todd & Tammy Busick
 CHEEK, Donnie L.
 CLAPP, Ben & Laura
 CLAPP, Bradley
 CLAPP, Douglas
 CLAPP, Dovie (Mrs. Roy)
 CLAPP, Ernest & Lillian
 CLAPP, Floyd & Shirley
 CLAPP, Jerry
 CLAPP, Kathy Shue
 CLAPP, Lee & Johnsie
 CLAPP, Lillian (Mrs. Clifford)
 CLAPP, Mary
 CLAPP, Phyllis
 CLAPP, Terence
 CLARY, Betty Jean
 CLENDENIN, Mitchell & Martye; Megan
 COBLE, II, Lorena
 COBLE, Kimberly
 COBLE, Paul & Maggie
 COOKE, Roger & Alice
 COX, Carmen
 COULMAN, George & Mazie
 CRAFT, Lydia
 CRAFT, William & Elizabeth; Michael
 CRAVEN, Tim
 CURRIE, Brenda

D

DANIEL, Esther
 DEATON, Pam
 DEGROM, Margaret (Mrs. Sidney)
 DEETER, Robert & Dottie
 DICKSON, Lori Ann I.
 DIX, Pattie (Mrs. Franklin)

E

EDMONDS, Faye
 EDMONDS, Steven
 ELLER, James & Peggy
 EVERETTE, Peggy

F

FARMER, Betty (Mrs. Monroe)
 FARMER, George
 FARMER, Riley & Elizabeth
 FITTANTE, Jane Andrews
 FLEMMING, Teresa Ann N.
 FOSTER, Nellie Neese
 FOUST, Henry
 FRIDDLE, Agnes
 FRIDDLE, Bessie
 FRIDDLE, Clara
 FRIDDLE, Dorothy
 FRIDDLE, James
 FRIDDLE, L.B. & Modine
 FULK, Kathy Neese
 FURR, Jackie Greeson

G

GANNON, David & Cecelia; Travis
 GARDNER, Steven & Sandra; Megan
 GAULDIN, Jo Ann
 GAULDIN, Terry
 GAULDIN, William S.
 GERNER, Bennie & Judy
 GERNER, Grady
 GERNER, John
 GERNER, Kristin
 GERNER, Vance
 GERRINGER, Calvin
 GERRINGER, Clyde
 GERRINGER, Otis
 GOSSETT, Cathy Greeson
 GREESON, Andrew
 GREESON, Byron
 GREESON, C.A. & Frances
 GREESON, Calvin
 GREESON, Charles & Geraldine
 GREESON, Clifton & Barbara
 GREESON, Jr., Cliff
 GREESON, Connie L. & Pattie
 GREESON, Connie P. & Edna
 GREESON, Coy & Joan
 GREESON, Darce & Ruby
 GREESON, Dean & Peggy; Amy
 GREESON, Deloris
 GREESON, Dewey & Jean
 GREESON, Drema
 GREESON, Edsel
 GREESON, Ernest & Juanita
 GREESON, Fide & Doris
 GREESON, Gary & Brenda; Joy
 GREESON, Gerald & Linda; Gregory
 GREESON, Grace (Mrs. Bill)
 GREESON, Sr., Grady & Mary
 GREESON, Jr., Grady
 GREESON, Homer & Emma Jean
 GREESON, Howard

GREESON, Hoy & Lorene
 GREESON, Ivan
 GREESON, James D.
 GREESON, Jeff
 GREESON, Jerry
 GREESON, John Henry
 GREESON, Kelly
 GREESON, Kevin
 GREESON, Larry
 GREESON, Lillian (Mrs. Keith)
 GREESON, Mabel (Mrs. Carme)
 GREESON, Maurice
 GREESON, Ralph B.
 GREESON, Ruth
 GREESON, Thurman & Blanche
 GREESON, Vance D.
 GREESON, Wayne & Mary
 GROGAN, Billie

H

HAMLETT, Robert & Cindy
 HANCOCK, Robert & Lorrie
 HARRIS, Debbie Caviness
 HARRIS, Beth Branson
 HARRIS, Ricky & Pat; Kimberly,
 Stephanie
 HARRIS, Ruth (Mrs. Lester)
 HART, Bertie (Mrs. Kirby)
 HAWK, Carol
 HIATT, Sharon
 HICKS, Kathy Gerringer; Courtney
 HINTON, Rev. Lynne
 HOLT, Frances (Mrs. Raymond)
 HOLT, Jimmy & Joanne
 HOLYFIELD, Bernell
 HOOVER, Carolyn Flinchum
 HUFF, Jack & Jo Ella
 HUGHES, Joe & Cindy
 HUNT, George
 HUNT, Jr., John & Betty
 HUNT, III, John
 HUTCHEN, Brenda (Mrs. Melvin)

I

INGOLD, Bill
 INGOLD, Clarine
 INGOLD, Elsie
 INGOLD, Floyd
 INGOLD, J. Van
 INGOLD, James D. & Lu Eller
 INGOLD, Jeanne
 INGOLD, Mary (Mrs. Clyde)
 ISLEY, Ella
 ISLEY, Larry
 ISLEY, Lewis & Josephine
 ISLEY, Myrtle (Mrs. Junior)

J

JEFFRIES, Marcella
 JESTER, Lorie Neese
 JOHNSON, J. W. & Helen
 JOHNSON, Karen
 JOHNSON, Darlene
 JOHNSON, Swannie (Mrs. C. A.)
 JOHNSON, Michael
 JONES, Mary Frances

K

KILLINGSWORTH, Jennifer
 KIRKMAN, Jeanette

KIRKMAN, Don & Karen; Reed, Anna
 KIRKMAN, Linda I.
 KIRKPATRICK, Kyle & Sani
 KNOWLES, Sonia Craft
 KOESTNER, Georgette (Mrs. Fred)
 KRIEGSMAN, Carmen Neese

L

LAMBERT, Allen
 LAMBERT, Howard & Millie
 LANE, III, Bob
 LANE, Maxine
 LANNING, Sharon Amick
 LAYTON, Max & Elaine; Deana, Kristen
 LEACH, Bennie & Sherrie; Cullen,
 Krystle
 LEVENS, Alan & Amanda Phipps
 LEVENS, David & Pat Swaim
 LEVENS, Haywood & Peggy
 LEVENS, Helen (Mrs. Grady)
 LEVENS, Lorena
 LEVENS, Paul & Edna
 LEVENS, Ronald
 LEWIS, Lillie Mae
 LINNENS, G. A. & Marie Staley
 LINVILLE, Dennis
 LOWE, Johnnie & Priscilla
 LUNSFORD, Peggy (Mrs. Ronnie)
 LYNN, Teresa

M

MARSHALL, Myrtle
 MARTIN, William & Sandra; Mary Beth
 MATHIS, Judy
 MAY, Barry
 MAY, Harvey A.
 MAY, Joan (Mrs. Carl)
 MAY, Linda Stafford
 MAY, Leo
 MAY, Melvin & Leslie
 MAY, Roy A.
 MAYER, Paulette
 McCLEAN, Jerry & Jean
 McCORMICK, Gwendolyn Greeson
 McDade, Melinda Walsh
 McINTYRE, Mrs. Bert
 McINTYRE, Wayne & Sharon
 McLAUGHLIN, Elsie (Mrs. George)
 MILLER, Bill & Linda
 MINOR, Angel Neese
 MOORE, Donna Levens
 MOORE, Dora Faye
 MOORE, Kevan & Sharon
 MOORE, Larry & Patsy
 MOORE, Sandy Neese
 MORGAN, Judith Levens
 MORRIS, Cynthia; Amy
 MOSER, Lisa Busick
 MOSER, Larry & Lydia
 MOSER, Ralph & Mary Catherine
 MOSS, Jan

N

NANCE, Donald & Sharon
 NANCE, Marvin & Lucille
 NEESE, Alfred
 NEESE, Betty
 NEESE, Carlene (Mrs. Raymond)
 NEESE, David
 NEESE, Eddie

NEESE, Evelyn
 NEESE, Jr., G.A. & Edith
 NEESE, Harold & Mary
 NEESE, Jr., J. H. & Audrey
 NEESE, James G. & Betty Staley
 NEESE, Sr., L. Ray
 NEESE, Jr., L. Ray
 NEESE, Leondas
 NEESE, Linda; Shannon
 NEESE, Lula Mae
 NEESE, Patricia
 NEESE, Ralph & Edna Mae
 NEESE, Roger
 NEESE, Sandra
 NEESE, Sandra Carson
 NEESE, Terry
 NEESE, Warren & Elaine

O
 OAKLEY, Faith Greeson
 OAKLEY, Rosa (Mrs. John)
 O'CONNELL, Rae Craven
 OLIVER, Jerry
 OWEN, Ann

P
 PACK, Keith
 PARKER, Susan
 PERKINS, Don & Penny; Pamela
 PHIPPS, Harden
 PHIPPS, Sr., John H. & Nancy Brown
 PINSON, Melinda Coble
 POPE, Rev. Deborah
 PRATER, David & Debra, Lana & Jay
 Patterson
 PRESGRAVES, Janice Stafford
 PREVOST, Gail Reece; Erica
 PRIESMEYER, Andy & Vickie; Jessica
 PRUITT, Janet Gauldin

R
 REECE, Sr., Harold & Doris
 REECE, Mary (Mrs. Grady)
 REECE, Wesley
 REGISTER, Kenny & Michelle Apple
 RHYNE, Lisa Horney
 ROBERTS, David & Faye; Bridget
 ROBERTS, Elizabeth
 ROBERTS, Renee
 ROBINSON, Christine
 ROBINSON, Leslie & Pam
 ROYAL, Roscoe & Cheryl
 RUMLEY, Corbett
 RUMLEY, Robert

S
 SAUNDER, William
 SAWYER, Alan & Susan; Scott,
 Jennifer, Lindsay
 SAWYER, Goldie & Carol
 SCHAEFER, Gladys C.
 SHARPE, Hildred & Doris
 SHARPE, Pete & Irene
 SHEPHERD, Paul
 SHINBARA, Helen Marie
 SHINBARA, Marie F.
 SHOE, George & Elizabeth
 SHOFFNER, Daniel Lee
 SHOFFNER, Danny
 SHOFFNER, Jr., J. R. & Joan
 SHOFFNER, Sr., J. Richard
 SHOFFNER, Leonard
 SHOFFNER, Maxine (Mrs. Glenn)
 SHOFFNER, Thomas & Lorena
 SHUE, Everett & Sara
 SHUE, Stanley
 SHUE, Steve
 SIMPSON, Carolyn Reece
 SLAYTON, Christi
 SLAYTON, Donald
 SLAYTON, Glenda
 SLAYTON, Heinz
 SMITH, Betty
 SMITH, Douglas
 SMITH, Frances (Mrs. Vance)
 SMITH, Heath
 SMITH, Anne Greeson
 SMITH, Jr., Shirley
 SOWERS, Jr., Jacob C.
 STAFFORD, Florine
 STAFFORD, Rebecca
 STALEY, Elizabeth (Mrs. Joe)
 STALEY, J. D.
 STALEY, John
 STALEY, Tony & Teresa; Emily
 STANLEY, Jr. Levi & Jennifer Powell
 STALEY, Travis
 STEPHENS, Harriet
 STEWART, Bobby & Brenda; Mandy
 STEWART, Ellis & Wanda
 STROUT, Philip & Stephanie
 SUITS, Estelle (Mrs. Charles)
 SUITS, Herbert L.
 SWAIM, David
 SWAIM, Donald
 SWAIM, Michael
 SWAIM, Mitchell
 SWAIM, Nell (Mrs. Dave)
 SWAIM, Philip & Adelita

T
 TAYLOR, Bobby
 TAYLOR, Annette
 TAYLOR, Margaret (Mrs. Harry)
 TAYLOR, Mattie; Rayshaw
 THORNBURG, E. C. & Inez
 TOLBERT, Heather Brannock
 TRAHAN, Charles
 TRAHAN, Rena
 TRIPLETT, Kristen
 TUCKER, Betty; Karla
 TUDOR, Nancy

U
 UNDERWOOD, Woodrow

V
 VAN NOSTRAND, Brian
 VAUGHN, Peggy (Mrs. Robert)
 VICTOR, Annie Mae (Mrs. Charles)
 VOLLE, Christie; Mike, Nick Nelson

W
 WALSH, Homer & Doris
 WARREN, Stephanie Moore
 WARREN, Jr., Tony
 WARREN, Sr., Tony
 WELKER, Anne
 WELKER, Darryl
 WELKER, Jeffrey & Janet
 WELKER, Preston
 WELKER, Sr., William R. & Peggy
 WELKER, Jr., William R. & Pam
 WHITESELL, Dell
 WHITESELL, Jr., Ernest & Martha
 WHITESELL, Gary; Dustin, Deana
 WHITESELL, Gregory
 WHITESELL, Howard & Helen
 WHITESELL, Ronni
 WHITESELL, Tony & Sherron E.
 WOODARD, Gordon
 WOODARD, Katie (Mrs. William)
 WOODARD, Orville
 WOODARD, Thomas
 WOODS, Peggy
 WOOTEN, Steve & Nan
 WRIGHT, April
 WRIGHT, Tammy Clapp
 WYRICK, Lyndon

- Barbara Greeson





Homecoming at Mt. Hope, 1997

CEMETERY

NAME	DOB	DOD
Allison, Gladys R.	22 Aug 1901	13 Sep 1956
Allison, Marion Holt	22 Nov 1914	9 Jan 1978
Allison, Robert A.	7 Oct 1896	8 Feb 1957
Allred, Samuel H.	4 Mar 1906	27 Nov 1964
Amick, Anna		1906
Amick, David M.	28 Oct 1861	18 Mar 1916
Amick, Everett L.	1 Nov 1914	25 Sept 1961
Amick, Frances		1911
Amick, F. Agnes	28 Apr 1918	21 Apr 1974
Amick, Mary E.		1908
Amick, Mary J.	20 Mar 1859	18 Mar 1925
Amick, Hazel Gerner	18 Aug 1921	26 Feb 1994
Amick, T. Gilmer	27 Oct 1908	27 Apr 1962
Andrew, Carrie Story	7 Oct 1884	19 May 1955
Andrew, Charles D.	20 Mar 1895	25 Mar 1975
Andrew, Donie C.	16 Jun 1888	21 Mar 1982
Andrew, Edgar L.	16 Jan 1879	26 Mar 1947
Andrew, Fannie and Jane	15 Feb 1876	26 Apr 1876
Andrew, Harriet Sikes	26 Apr 1838	11 Apr 1876
Andrew, Howard G.	8 Jun 1925	14 Jan 1940
Andrew, Infant	22 Jan 1918	22 Jan 1918
Andrew, Infant	28 Jun 1914	28 Jun 1914
Andrew, J.W.	16 Mar 1838	18 Dec 1926
Andrew, Jesse	10 Sep 1811	21 Feb 1879
Andrew, Jesse C.	3 Aug 1880	27 Sep 1965

Andrew, Jesse Roy	14 Jun 1903	12 Aug 1903
Andrew, John Thomas	1868	1930
Andrew, Laura E. Lowrance	1872	1956
Andrew, Leslie R.	26 Feb 1889	22 Feb 1963
Andrew, Margaret Jobe	27 Apr 1811	18 Sep 1899
Andrew, Mary E. Clark	28 Jun 1846	4 Apr 1908
Andrew, Peny Greeson	25 Jan 1842	11 Feb 1919
Andrew, Percy Calvin	30 May 1912	23 Oct 1978
Andrew, Rachel G.	1876	1938
Andrew, Robert B.	1868	1931
Andrew, Rufus A.	15 Dec 1843	27 Nov 1929
Andrews, George	Nov. 20 1907	June 17 1983
Andrews, Michael Dean	9 Sep 1959	10 Sep 1959
Apple, Charlie L.	28 Oct 1881	6 Jul 1908
Apple, Margie Burnsides	10 Mar 1932	22 Jun 1992
Barrett, J.B.	28 Dec 1924	3 Nov 1944
Barrier, Larry Joe	12 Nov 1945	22 Dec 1988
Belvin, Dovie Elizabeth Friddle	13 May 1910	20 Aug 1991
Belvin, Edgar Elijah	4 Jan 1906	23 Feb 1988
Boyd Jerry Christopher (stone only)	30 Nov 1958	20 Sep 1989
Branson, Wirt A.	26 Aug 1908	19 Jan 1970
Brown, Eli Rankin	28 Feb 1893	1 Nov 1986
Brown, Mattie Marie Gordon	22 Dec 1893	26 Sep 1965
Burnside, Alson Guy	24 May 1888	26 Jan 1970
Burnsides, Daniel L.	13 Apr 1863	8 Feb 1941
Burnsides, Ellen	22 May 1844	8 Dec 1927
Burnsides, Jane	10 July 1849	24 Nov 1932
Burnsides, John D.	10 Feb 1895	3 Jul 1964
Burnsides, M. Annie Andrew	20 Dec 1870	24 Feb 1956
Burnsides, Pearl W.	25 Jul 1906	28 Oct 1985
Burnsides, Sarah Elen Shoe	7 Apr 1858	22 Aug 1917
Burnsides, W. M.	13 Nov 1859	19 Aug 1929
Butner, Evie Rebecca May	28 Feb 1937	4 Sep 1958
Carter, Charles M.	8 Aug 1909	17 Nov 1957
Caudle, G. Harrell	19 Apr 1918	9 Apr 1937
Chrismon, Elizabeth Clapp	23 Dec 1892	9 Apr 1975
Clapp, Ada Lenora	11 Jan 1869	19 Oct 1878
Clapp, B. Kimsey	19 Mar 1874	9 Nov 1957
Clapp, B. E.	30 May 1846	30 Apr 1872
Clapp, Babra E. Shepherd	13 Oct 1859	13 Jan 1923
Clapp Charles E.	2 Feb 1879	21 Feb 1880
Clapp, Clara Foust	29 Jul 1927	22 Dec 1929
Clapp, Clarence H.	29 Feb 1896	14 May 1974
Clapp, Clifford Howard	28 Nov 1934	14 May 1991
Clapp, Daniel M.	15 Aug 1840	18 Apr 1919
Clapp, Doskia Elizabeth Foust	2 Dec 1876	13 May 1902
Clapp, E. Glenn	1 Oct 1908	28 Feb 1985

Clapp, Eddie	11 Feb 1966	13 Jun 1980
Clapp, Ellen D. Murray	19 Feb 1845	20 Nov 1908
Clapp, Ethel Mae Reese	19 Oct 1909	8 Sep 1992
Clapp, Gladys J.	1 May 1885	2 Mar 1966
Clapp, Henry Rufus	1881	1972
Clapp, Infant	13 Sep 1929	13 Sep 1929
Clapp, J. Grant	28 Apr 1894	8 Jan 1981
Clapp, Jno Robert	16 Apr 1886	24 Dec 1890
Clapp, Lewis W.	8 Apr 1844	25 Jan 1913
Clapp, Martha E.	6 Oct 1855	10 Feb 1941
Clapp, Mary H.	1 Jan 1895	25 Apr 1972
Clapp, Mary Ladosky	19 Jul 1876	20 Oct 1878
Clapp, Minnie Gerringer	1881	1935
Clapp, Paul E.	17 Jul 1904	17 Jul 1904
Clapp, Richard H.	9 Sep 1927	24 Nov 1931
Clapp, Roy Edward	25 Jun 1934	28 Jun 1993
Clapp, Roy Everette	3 Jul 1910	30 Dec 1992
Clapp, Ruby Keriel	7 Sep 1930	23 Sep 1955
Clapp, Sallie Elizabeth M.	18 Mar 1896	2 Dec 1995
Clapp, Swaney L.	28 Sep 1901	26 Jul 1910
Clapp, W. A.	7 Apr 1856	21 Jan 1934
Clapp, Wm. Walter	2 Jan 1870	10 Nov 1878
Clapp, Zula Abigail Foust	1 Jan 1885	7 Apr 1953
Clark, James Walter	16 Jul 1868	11 Jan 1941
Clark, Mary S.	3 Jan 1866	15 Apr 1942
Clontz, Edward E.	26 Oct 1913	9 May 1972
Clontz, Keith Brian	16 Jul 1976	16 Jul 1976
Clontz, Rosebud Bullock	25 Mar 1918	23 May 1996
Cobb, Elizabeth	26 Dec 1825	1 Jun 1881
Cobb, Laura E.	23 Sep 1888	26 Sep 1888
Cobb, Walter G.	29 Mar 1891	29 Jun 1892
Coble, Daniel	22 Jun 1838	17 May 1911
Coble, Gurney Davis	5 May 1904	17 Nov 1937
Coble, Ida F.	1883	1979
Coble, James	10 Mar 1876	14 May 1942
Coble, Julia A.	31 Jul 1865	22 Aug 1943
Coble, Lela	24 Mar 1869	6 May 1955
Coble, Martha	25 Mar 1837	7 Jan 1905
Coble, Monroe Madison	18 Jul 1868	12 Jan 1941
Coble, Phipps W.	1878	1947
Coble, Simpson H.	21 Mar 1872	11 Nov 1909
Cooke, Naomi B.	29 Oct 1896	17 Aug 1977
Cooke, Sr., Arthur S.	4 Oct 1894	24 Jun 1976
Cooper, Nannie Gray	2 Jan 1868	4 May 1933
Corsbie, Bessie S.	26 Feb 1880	7 Jul 1983
Corsbie, David M.	1831	1902
Corsbie, Elma	10 Jun 1911	25 Feb 1925

Corsbie, Fannie Greeson	24 Dec 1867	5 Feb 1950
Corsbie, Grace C.	24 Jun 1893	1 Nov 1970
Corsbie, Grazilda Cooper	1809	30 Dec 1881
Corsbie, Hance	- in memory	
Corsbie, John		25 Mar 1879
Corsbie, John B.	28 Jan 1876	20 Jun 1949
Corsbie, John William	29 Jan 1846	29 Mar 1906
Corsbie, Lemuel E.	27 Aug 1846	19 Oct 1898
Corsbie, Margaret Ann	13 May 1840	14 Sep 1891
Corsbie, Mariah Shaw	15 Jun 1817	29 Jun 1898
Corsbie, Mary E. Worth	25 Aug 1854	18 Apr 1939
Corsbie, Ora C.	20 Jul 1894	27 Mar 1972
Corsbie, Prudence S.	21 Mar 1804	28 Jun 1859
Corsbie, Roscoe F.	3 Apr 1886	19 Nov 1964
Corsbie, Theracy M. Coble	1 Sep 1851	25 Dec 1926
Corsbie, William A.	12 Feb 1889	10 Jun 1974
Corsbie, William Lawrence	8 Nov 1869	31 May 1952
Corsbie, William Washington	28 Jul 1837	9 Jun 1918
Covel, Effie Moser Hopkins Sr.	18 Apr 1898	16 May 1979
Covel, George Henry	1 Aug 1888	14 Oct 1953
Crenshaw, Henry David	1 Mar 1876	15 Jul 1955
Crenshaw, Martha Jane Williams	26 Sep 1878	7 Jun 1932
Dalrymple, Elizabeth G.	27 Jan 1871	11 Aug 1930
Dalrymple, W. Jones	27 Jun 1883	1 Nov 1943
DeGrom, Sydney J.	29 Jun 1910	7 Apr 1995
Dixon, Bessie Starr	14 Jan 1905	29 Jun 1965
Dixon, Carl C.	15 Sep 1902	2 Jul 1961
Edmonds, James Monroe	3 Feb 1919	5 Dec 1972
Edmonds, Julia Ellen	15 Apr 1961	14 Mar 1969
Elliott, Helen Frances	3 Apr 1925	3 Apr 1925
Ellis, Sarah Jane Phipps	10 Jun 1932	25 May 1995
Farmer, Arlena B. Jones	1856	1929
Farmer, Cora E.	20 Jul 1894	10 Jun 1967
Farmer, Cora Estell	13 Feb 1911	9 Oct 1912
Farmer, Daniel Monroe	12 Oct 1887	3 Jan 1976
Farmer, Elizabeth (Betty) Shue	4 Mar 1898	17 Apr 1996
Farmer, Elsie Dillon	29 July 1898	7 Jan 1987
Farmer, George W.	29 Feb 1860	6 Jul 1927
Farmer, Henry Lester	11 Oct 1889	28 Jan 1970
Farmer, James A.	31 Jan 1892	25 Nov 1958
Farmer, John B.	1862	1932
Farmer, Martha Elizabeth	9 Jun 1918	2 Nov 1960
Farmer, Mary Ann	1855	1909
Farmer, Rebecca J.	5 Feb 1861	8 Mar 1920
Farmer, Robert Lee	15 Apr 1926	7 Dec 1975
Farmer, Jr., J. C.	15 May 1955	16 May 1955
Foster, Nora Ethel	19 Dec 1897	27 Jun 1898

Foust, Albert S.	12 Sep 1889	22 Jun 1961
Foust, Alice Ada	15 Dec 1861	4 Aug 1910
Foust, Alice Louise	13 Mar 1911	20 Aug 1955
Foust, Barbara E. Whitesell	15 Jul 1851	18 Feb 1913
Foust, Bertha	6 May 1891	6 Dec 1965
Foust, Christian	13 Nov 1785	31 Mar 1871
Foust, Daniel Quinton	14 Sep 1835	10 Feb 1916
Foust, David Rankin	28 Nov 1859	2 Jun 1864
Foust, Emanuel C.	25 Oct 1831	26 Jun 1893
Foust, Infant	13 Jan 1893	13 Jan 1893
Foust, Jessie A.	28 Feb 1883	4 Mar 1975
Foust, John	son of S.E. and L.F. Foust	12 May 1861
Foust, John Crawford	10 Jul 1857	13 Feb 1918
Foust, John Henry	2 Feb 1862	29 May 1864
Foust, John Robert	Oct 1896	6 Nov 1901
Foust, Letetia Wagoner	29 Jun 1829	6 Dec 1886
Foust, Lucinda C. Starr	13 Jan 1849	15 Apr 1923
Foust, Margaret		23 Mar 1860
Foust, Martha L.	1869	1945
Foust, Mary E.		14 Feb 1898
Foust, Robert B.	6 Sep 1860	2 Dec 1930
Foust, Solomon E.	2 Feb 1827	2 Feb 1888
Foust, Thomas	9 Aug 1879	13 Feb 1965
Frazier, Margaret Jones	7 May 1889	19 Feb 1983
Friddle, Bertie Levens	14 Sep 1905	30 Oct 1962
Friddle, Caty Ann	19 Jan 1833	20 Dec 1887
Friddle, Curly Oliver	11 Mar 1885	24 Jun 1885
Friddle, Emma C.	27 Feb 1897	29 Jul 1969
Friddle, Henry E.	12 Jul 1854	30 Jul 1924
Friddle, Infant	24 Mar 1920	24 Mar 1920
Friddle, J. Claude	19 Sep 1878	5 Jan 1973
Friddle, J. W.	27 Mar 1916	27 Mar 1916
Friddle, J. W.	20 Nov 1926	19 Jan 1930
Friddle, James M.	16 Jun 1882	19 Jan 1965
Friddle, Janetta A.	22 Apr 1881	29 Aug 1954
Friddle, John L.	19 Apr 1873	5 Dec 1941
Friddle, Johney Oliver	1 May 1820	2 Nov 1889
Friddle, Julia A.	5 May 1851	12 Sep 1917
Friddle, Lacy Wilbt	6 Jan 1880	2 May 1946
Friddle, Leslie R.	8 Feb 1898	28 Nov 1975
Friddle, Lewis	15 Aug 1827	15 Aug 1905
Friddle, Lula Greeson	31 Oct 1879	22 Oct 1963
Friddle, Nancy J.	3 Feb 1856	15 Jan 1918
Friddle, Ned Bryon	21 Mar 1908	2 Aug 1970
Friddle, Nellie A.	7 Feb 1931	5 Jan 1986
Friddle, Nellie Ludoskie	9 Nov 1876	12 May 1908
Friddle, Oliver G.	24 Sep 1895	6 Jan 1967

Friddle, Robert Worth	30 Oct 1919	2 Apr 1980
Friddle, Sara Ada	28 Jan 1886	17 Apr 1952
Friddle, Sarah F.	8 Nov 1894	12 Mar 1971
Friddle, William A.	19 Jun 1873	13 Sep 1878
Friddle, William S.	9 Sep 1856	16 Apr 1937
Gannon, Allison Lea	29 May 1973	1 Dec 1989
Gerner, Annie M.	16 May 1923	14 May 1925
Gerner, Barbara E.	1858	1939
Gerner, Ben M.	9 Jul 1892	14 Jul 1988
Gerner, Dora Greeson	16 Apr 1893	12 Jan 1927
Gerner, Infant	28 Aug 1916	1 Sep 1916
Gerner, Infant	8 Aug 1920	10 Aug 1920
Gerner, James G.	1856	1939
Gerner, James M.	11 May 1885	3 May 1942
Gerner, Jonathan Vance	27 Sep 1972	5 Apr 1993
Gerner, Lahla A.	4 Oct 1896	26 Oct 1986
Gerringer, Aileen R.	24 Jul 1926	11 Aug 1926
Gerringer, David Leslie	9 Jul 1893	23 Feb 1955
Gerringer, Infant	28 Sep 1925	3 Oct 1925
Gerringer, James F.	21 Oct 1883	17 Jan 1931
Gerringer, Margaret Elizabeth	1846	1932
Gerringer, Nancy Jane	1850	1933
Gerringer, Ruth Emma Andrew	20 Jan 1906	17 Mar 1990
Gerringer, Sallie E. May	27 Sep 1883	7 Jan 1958
Gorrell, G. Charlie "Chuck"	12 Feb 1898	3 Jun 1976
Gorrell, Lillie Shaw	3 Jun 1901	12 Nov 1977
Gorrell, Robert C.	4 Nov 1894	11 Jun 1971
Gray, James H.	1 Feb 1847	3 Aug 1913
Gray, Margaret M.	10 Oct 1838	2 Jun 1927
Gray, Ulysses G.	21 Jan 1871	26 Mar 1907
Greeson, Ada C.	23 Mar 1903	2 Jul 1974
Greeson, Ada Clapp	17 May 1889	20 Feb 1973
Greeson, Alfred Herman	6 Aug 1904	23 Nov 1983
Greeson, Annie M.	29 May 1874	10 Dec 1915
Greeson, Archie Eugene	11 May 1893	29 Oct 1937
Greeson, Bud	14 Oct 1890	18 Apr 1954
Greeson, C. B.	25 Nov 1858	2 Mar 1919
Greeson, Caddie B.	24 Apr 1910	17 Oct 1979
Greeson, Carrie H.	8 May 1926	26 Jun 1984
Greeson, Catharine R.	28 Jan 1858	31 Aug 1929
Greeson, Catherine Freeman	18 Jan 1945	23 Mar 1979
Greeson, Charles Gilmer	25 Dec 1896	12 Jun 1988
Greeson, Charles T.	29 Sep 1880	28 Apr 1951
Greeson, Charlie Ira	15 May 1889	21 Aug 1889
Greeson, Charlie M.	25 Feb 1884	5 Oct 1949
Greeson, Cora E.	3 Feb 1889	16 Dec 1895
Greeson, Cora Ella	18 Jul 1859	1 Mar 1900

Greeson, Cosie Neese	11 Mar 1891	17 Jan 1980
Greeson, David A.	5 Jun 1973	5 Jun 1973
Greeson, David L.	17 Dec 1828	5 Jan 1905
Greeson, Dovie M.	1905	1961
Greeson, Ella May	12 May 1915	17 Jul 1915
Greeson, Elma E.		22 Nov 1891
Greeson, Emily C. Friddle	11 Jan 1831	12 Feb 1898
Greeson, Emily J. Ingold	1861	1946
Greeson, Ferry V.	22 Dec 1932	25 Nov 1982
Greeson, Georgia Loy	25 Jun 1886	8 Jun 1977
Greeson, Harvey Elmore	23 Apr 1913	1 Mar 1992
Greeson, Helen I.	1 Jan 1856	12 Apr 1930
Greeson, Henry A.		28 Jul 1878
Greeson, Horace	23 Dec 1921	12 Sep 1996
Greeson, Infant	14 Jul 1882	16 Jul 1882
Greeson, Infant	5 Mar 1884	5 Mar 1884
Greeson, Infant	20 Oct 1942	20 Oct 1942
Greeson, Iola D.	1 Sep 1894	9 Apr 1980
Greeson, Ira Clifton	8 Oct 1890	8 May 1986
Greeson, Ira Leland	18 Dec 1913	13 Apr 1933
Greeson, J. Claude	18 Oct 1875	7 Feb 1965
Greeson, J. Frank	17 Jun 1855	21 May 1926
Greeson, James S.	6 May 1858	1 Dec 1928
Greeson, James S.	15 May 1872	9 Dec 1947
Greeson, John C.	12 Dec 1887	12 Jan 1909
Greeson, Joshua E.	1857	1935
Greeson, Joyce M.	28 Jan 1871	6 Nov 1901
Greeson, June E.	10 Jul 1909	26 Dec 1934
Greeson, Kecil M.	21 Oct 1910	25 May 1933
Greeson, Keith C.	27 May 1915	20 Jan 1991
Greeson, L. H.		26 Nov 1892
Greeson, Lacy Anthony	30 Jul 1890	14 Apr 1960
Greeson, Lee Roy Sr.	18 May 1909	14 Aug 1989
Greeson, Lillie G.	3 Jan 1887	22 Apr 1966
Greeson, Lonnie R.	21 Jul 1879	26 Feb 1948
Greeson, Lora E.		21 Jan 1896
Greeson, Lula J.		25 Jul 1887
Greeson, Luther L.	30 May 1911	20 Dec 1981
Greeson, Margaret	16 Mar 1840	22 Nov 1905
Greeson, Margaret E.	1 Apr 1858	18 Mar 1912
Greeson, Martha E. Taylor	1 Jul 1920	11 Jul 1944
Greeson, Mary C. Shoe	16 Apr 1852	10 Feb 1919
Greeson, Mary S.	1 Apr 1884	23 Feb 1975
Greeson, Mary Sowers	18 Dec 1919	2 Aug 1993
Greeson, Maggie E.	24 Aug 1886	24 Apr 1888
Greeson, Mollie	1 Mar 1893	16 Apr 1957
Greeson, Nancy J.	21 Jun 1870	8 Mar 1934

Greeson, Oscar Carmie	28 Jan 1907	5 Oct 1991
Greeson, Peggy M.	1834	8 Nov 1869
Greeson, R. E. Augusta	25 Mar 1885	8 Jul 1915
Greeson, Rachel Elizabeth Gerner	25 Oct 1916	30 Jul 1990
Greeson, Ralph Burton	27 May 1915	28 Feb 1964
Greeson, Randy C.	30 May 1955	2 Jul 1972
Greeson, Robert Vance	21 Jun 1908	9 Feb 1910
Greeson, Ruefus Harrold	18 Feb 1902	18 Feb 1920
Greeson, Sarah J.	14 Oct 1859	4 Aug 1886
Greeson, Sidney A.	15 Mar 1850	16 Feb 1926
Greeson, Susan A		23 Dec 1891
Greeson, Susan H.	9 Dec 1900	23 Jan 1980
Greeson, Wilda Mae	2 Oct 1925	23 Jan 1944
Greeson, William A.	23 Sep 1870	22 Apr 1945
Greeson, William A.	22 Nov 1857	24 Apr 1935
Greeson, William F.	27 Dec 1888	8 Feb 1948
Greeson, William G.	11 Feb 1874	10 Sep 1901
Greeson, William Marvin	14 Sep 1914	16 Jun 1916
Greeson, Willie Arlin	1 Jul 1910	15 Nov 1984
Greeson, Sr., Charles A.	15 Aug 1881	14 Jun 1951
Greeson, Sr., James D.	25 Dec 1906	27 Jun 1975
Harden, John C.	7 Nov 1843	20 Oct 1871
Harris, Lester Lewis	10 Apr 1911	7 Jul 1981
Heath, Andy V.	20 Mar 1896	17 Feb 1961
Heath, Lucille C. (Bowman)	11 Jun 1907	6 Jun 1987
Holland, Jessie G.	20 Sep 1896	28 Jul 1976
Holland, W. Frank	26 Jul 1881	27 Jan 1950
Hollyfield, John Wade	31 Oct 1942	5 Jun 1984
Holt, Caroline R.	6 Apr 1852	4 Oct 1870
Holt, Elma Lee	23 Mar 1912	22 Sep 1913
Holt, Elma Woods	5 Feb 1875	21 Feb 1950
Holt, Erma Aline	4 Jul 1908	18 Jun 1909
Holt, John H.	13 Aug 1817	18 Sep 1872
Holt, John Howard	5 Feb 1900	27 May 1900
Holt, John Lewis	31 Dec 1849	30 May 1929
Holt, John Robert	24 Oct 1872	25 Feb 1937
Holt, Lula Jane	12 Aug 1878	29 Sep 1879
Holt, Nancy Elizabeth Phipps	15 Apr 1842	16 Dec 1936
Holt, Raymond W.	5 Mar 1915	29 Mar 1948
Holt, Sarah E.	10 Nov 1843	19 Mar 1922
Holt, Sarah Jane	24 Mar 1825	26 Nov 1912
Horney, Joe Carl	30 Dec 1925	6 Jan 1989
Hoy, Hattie Welker Starr	10 Jan 1916	10 Jul 1985
Hoy, Lewis H.	28 Dec 1905	20 Apr 1972
Ingold, Alma Coble	22 May 1898	21 Nov 1970
Ingold, Arthur F.	4 May 1889	1 Jul 1944
Ingold, Cladora G.	1863	1898

Ingold, Clyde Raymond	11 May 1909	2 May 1994
Ingold, Daniel		22 Nov 1886
Ingold, Denny Murphy	25 Aug 1887	1 Sep 1972
Ingold, Eldo Bridget	1 Feb 1881	17 May 1947
Ingold, Eliza L.	8 Feb 1852	6 Nov 1926
Ingold, Elizabeth H.	20 Apr 1890	30 Aug 1961
Ingold, Esther I.	26 Feb 1914	2 Oct 1994
Ingold, Etta Bishop	28 Oct 1885	20 Apr 1978
Ingold, Florence Greeson	1 Jan 1888	17 Sep 1975
Ingold, G. Elton		3 Oct 1923
Ingold, Gurley M.	2 Feb 1885	30 Mar 1941
Ingold, Infant	17 Feb 1950	20 Feb 1950
Ingold, Leona Blake	19 Jul 1919	5 Jun 1996
Ingold, Mary Aiken	26 Aug 1859	28 Jan 1941
Ingold, Mary E.		22 Jan 1927
Ingold, Mary Shoffner	6 Jan 1851	2 Jan 1941
Ingold, Riley D.	1857	1945
Ingold, Sara Shoffner	1 Apr 1822	3 Jan 1890
Ingold, William A.	19 Sep 1850	14 Apr 1920
Isley, Annie Jones	10 Aug 1864	14 Feb 1942
Isley, Emanuel	15 Mar 1827	28 Jul 1900
Isley, Erney M.	20 Mar 1889	18 Jan 1958
Isley, Flora F.	4 Feb 1894	16 Oct 1969
Isley, Jerry Lee	16 Mar 1954	16 Mar 1954
Isley, Junior E.	12 Dec 1924	16 Aug 1983
Isley, Luther Lee	3 Nov 1918	7 Aug 1920
Isley, Sophia Isabel Neese	25 Apr 1836	7 Feb 1923
Jobe, Ann Corsbie	1779	1871
Jobe, J. Lurlie F.	30 Apr 1892	5 Mar 1985
Jobe, Mabel Coble	13 Feb 1896	19 Jun 1984
Jones, Blondy Rebecca	19 Oct 1895	31 Dec 1909
Jones, David C.	4 Nov 1861	14 Apr 1936
Jones, Edith M. Greeson	6 May 1865	1 Jan 1928
Jones, Edward	17 Jul 1952	17 Jul 1952
Jones, Elaine Greeson	13 Jun 1929	25 Jul 1995
Jones, Elizabeth Jane	12 Mar 1834	15 Aug 1907
Jones, Emily Friddle	14 Apr 1861	3 Feb 1949
Jones, Flavious M.	20 Oct 1902	2 Jul 1966
Jones, Fred Holt Sr.	20 Mar 1922	12 Sep 1992
Jones, Flora Ethel	13 Sep 1893	16 Oct 1959
Jones, Floyd Chalmer	27 Sep 1899	14 Jan 1903
Jones, George Kecler	29 Oct 1901	28 Nov 1971
Jones, Georgie Shoffner	23 Jan 1903	21 Jul 1986
Jones, Jack M.	22 Oct 1932	15 Sep 1970
Jones, James L.	6 May 1895	23 May 1943
Jones, John R.	25 Jul 1859	24 Dec 1927
Jones, Nellie May	10 Sep 1926	20 Sep 1926

Jones, Ralph Lester Sr.	27 Aug 1913	6 Sep 1988
Jones, Robert	Mar 1832	10 Sep 1864
Jones, Velna Shoffner	8 Feb 1890	20 Jun 1971
Jones, Wm. Murphy	21 Aug 1887	26 Nov 1918
Jones, Sr., Harry C.	4 Jun 1923	20 May 1971
Jones, Sr., Ira C.	13 Jan 1890	18 Feb 1951
Joyce, Beulah E.	8 Mar 1909	11 Feb 1982
Joyce, W. Lee	11 Dec 1903	25 Mar 1964
Kirkman, Joey	12 Sep 1970	6 Feb 1971
Kivett, Infant		31 May 1933
Kivett, Infant		23 Mar 1937
Kivette, Lucille Reece (Mary)	12 Dec 1911	14 Feb 1994
Koestner, Fred John	26 Mar 1902	14 Nov 1990
Levens, Alma M.	19 May 1911	1 Jan 1976
Levens, Cora Evelyn	20 Aug 1880	16 Nov 1972
Levens, Donald Albert		1 Aug 1959
Levens, Grady Alvis Sr.	26 Jun 1920	15 May 1988
Levens, Infants of M.R. & Alma Levens		
Levens, Jason	21 Sep 1912	1 Oct 1975
Levens, John W.	3 Aug 1867	13 Oct 1956
Levens, Luther B.	1915	1936
Levens, Margaret Andrew	25 Aug 1866	30 May 1941
Levens, Mary M. Foust	11 Feb 1838	16 Feb 1914
Levens, Murphy R.	5 Feb 1904	2 Dec 1973
Levens, Robert Duncan	20 Mar 1871	30 Jan 1905
Levens, Ronald David Jr.	8 Jan 1986	17 Sept 1987
Levens, William David	23 Jan 1842	3 April 1925
Levens, William H.	1872	1933
Lewis, Dr. Walter Glenn	1907	1985
Liddell, Mary Welker Davis	22 June 1876	22 Mar 1962
Lineberry, Mae Rankin Neese	5 Mar 1893	10 Jan 1996
Lowe, Sarah Neese	27 Mar 1849	30 May 1935
Lunsford, Ronnidean	15 Apr 1967	2 Nov 1996
Lynch, Emma Phipps	18 May 1879	19 Oct 1955
Lynch, George Haywood	12 Aug 1879	2 Apr 1952
May, Alson, Gilmer	24 Sep 1900	14 Nov 1901
May, Antha Clapp	11 Aug 1890	30 Sep 1952
May, Archie B.	11 May 1885	14 Feb 1961
May, Blanche Crosbie	17 Dec 1918	11 Aug 1949
May, Carl	13 Dec 1915	3 Jun 1963
May, Carl Leon	14 May 1931	6 Oct 1987
May, Charlie W.	27 Sep 1883	18 Nov 1972
May, Clora	6 May 1910	21 Jun 1910
May, Cornelia A.	27 Jan 1890	27 Dec 1981
May, Daniel M.	4 Oct 1914	22 Jun 1916
May, Dolph C.	3 Apr 1891	6 Oct 1974
May, Effie I.	18 Sep 1884	8 Mar 1975

May, Ellen F.	15 Feb 1814	May 12 1898
May, Elva Ida	4 Aug 1876	7 May 1949
May, Emma A.	1877	1948
May, Farley O,	21 April 1889	22 Feb 1971
May, Flora	6 Mar 1910	12 May 1910
May, Florence Emma	27 Feb 1911	28 Feb 1932
May, Geneva Shoe	21 Feb 1895	31 Jan 1990
May, George A.	May 1859	27 Aug 1941
May, Henry R.	3 Dec 1883	10 Dec 1932
May, Hobert C.	11 Mar 1922	17 Feb 1964
May, Howard D.	3 Sep 1916	24 Oct 1916
May, Infant		23 July 1924
May Infant		18 Sep 1926
May, Infant	7 May 1947	7 May 1947
May, Infants	Infants of J.B. and Alice	
May, Jesse Brooks	16 Apr 1896	2 Dec 1985
May, John H.	25 Jun 1891	5 Apr 1953
May, Joseph Franklin	25 Aug 1902	2 Jul 1963
May, Joseph M.	1851	1918
May, Juanita	1899	1931
May, Lawrence C.	22 Jan 1878	14 Aug 1943
May, Lester L.	8 May 1895	15 April 1978
May, Lula Jane Elliott	20 Aug 1885	1 May 1967
May, M. Ellen	1848	1936
May, Martha T.	14 Apr 1913	29 Nov 1913
May, Mary A. E.	30 Jan 1852	22 Sep 1888
May, Mary Alice O'Briant	9 Dec 1905	4 Jan 1960
May, Mary Andrew	22 Nov 1877	24 Jan 1945
May, Mary Ethel Gerner	4 Oct 1896	4 Dec 1989
May, Mattie G.	1 July 1894	18 Mar 1986
May, Melissa	4 Mar 1849	24 Aug 1894
May, Frank R.	13 Feb 1874	8 Jun 1960
May, Rachael Byrley	24 June 1936	26 May 1975
May, Ralph James	17 Jan 1929	5 May 1931
May, Raymond C.	25 May 1923	6 Apr 1925
May, Rebecca	1861	1949
May, Sarah C. Gerringer	5 Apr 1852	4 Dec 1926
May, Sarah Johnson	15 Nov 1866	6 May 1952
May, Sherman	6 Oct 1918	27 Sep 1949
May, Sonny	9 Sep 1933	30 Dec 1988
May, Thomas W.	1869	1947
May, Virginia L.	28 April 1918	25 Oct 1988
May, William Alson	4 Apr 1854	19 May 1900
May, William L.	24 Jun 1872	23 Oct 1946
May, William McKinley	4 Jun 1915	3 sep 1979
May, William Rufus	20 Oct 1881	13 Mar 1973
McAdams, Lee	Sep 1897	6 Oct 1898

McClintock, Bynum	28 Sep 1920	24 Apr 1945
Mc Clintock, Elizabeth	27 Jan 1917	7 Feb 1917
McClintock, Infant	daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McClintock	
McClintock, John C.	1894	
McClintock, Martha	5 Jun 1857	13 Oct 1934
McClintock, Vera Jane	1902	1962
McMillian, Viola C.	12 Aug 1906	3 Feb 1981
McMillian, W. Grady	7 Jun 1898	31 Oct 1972
McNairy, A. Elizabeth Mebane	27 Jun 1848	22 Jan 1927
McNairy, Infant	29 Sep 1888	1988
McNairy, Wyatt H., Dr.	24 Aug 1831	1 Jan 1890
Mebane, Infant	6 July 1865	28 Jul 1865
Mebane, Infant		7 June 1861
Mebane, Margaret J.	26 Mar 1824	10 Dec 1902
Mebane, Nancy Jane	21 Jan 1853	22 Feb 1863
Mebane, William Milton	21 May 1821	2 Jul 1898
Medlin, Ervin Junior	13 Feb 1924	4 May 1970
Medlin, Warren H.	24 Oct 1920	10 Nov 1938
Michaux, Gladys C.	5 Jan 1919	21 Mar 1977
McMillan, Annie Laura	8 Sep 1937	18 Aug 1991
Nance, Amber Dawn		6 Jan 1981
Neese, Barby F.	1850	1915
Neese, Bernice Greeson	4 Apr 1922	3 Mar 1995
Neese, Bessie Clapp	8 Apr 1903	2 Sep 1988
Neese, Betty Lou	27 Mar 1932	1 May 1932
Neese, Carrie C.	29 Jan 1880	5 Jul 1881
Neese, Catherine	12 Mar 1832	23 Dec 1915
Neese, Charlie Glenn	8 Mar 1924	12 Jan 1932
Neese, Christopher J.	1817	1908
Neese, Donita Fay	27 Apr 1949	26 Feb 1950
Neese, Elizabeth	3 Jan 1847	1 Aug 1864
Neese, Elizabeth A. Greeson	10 Jan 1860	2 Jun 1927
Neese, Emily Coble	23 Oct 1853	25 Jun 1937
Neese, Franklin M.	2 Mar 1848	10 May 1931
Neese, George Alfred	27 May 1898	24 Oct 1983
Neese, Harriet Sharp	1867	1929
Neese, Hobert Colon	13 Jun 1922	22 Aug 1928
Neese, Hubert Vincent	22 Sep 1919	10 Aug 1996
Neese, Infant	14 Nov 1940	14 Nov 1940
Neese, Infant	18 Apr 1885	4 May 1885
Neese, J. Harvey	27 Jun 1900	23 Jun 1982
Neese, James A.	28 Dec 1828	17 Aug 1892
Neese, James David	12 Oct 1862	18 May 1939
Neese, James L.	9 Jan 1893	8 Nov 1961
Neese, John A.	4 Mar 1886	1 Jun 1890
Neese, John B.	21 May 1852	18 Jul 1915
Neese, John L.	1863	1936

Neese, John W.	2 Nov 1928	8 Apr 1995
Neese, Jossie L. Gerringer	3 Aug 1897	30 Apr 1957
Neese, Mary Catharine	7 May 1844	7 Oct 1920
Neese, Mary Dilla	9 Feb 1834	18 Feb 1917
Neese, Mary Ellen	29 Dec 1928	29 Dec 1928
Neese, Mary Ellen	23 Mar 1900	3 Dec 1986
Neese, Patricia Ann	9 Oct 1954	9 Oct 1954
Neese, Peney	23 Apr 1807	23 Mar 1885
Neese, Polly R.	1827	1908
Neese, Raymond Cuyte	19 Feb 1918	15 Oct 1994
Neese, Sarah Kernodle	5 Nov 1858	16 Jun 1937
Neese, Solomon Q.	12 Aug 1857	22 May 1878
Neese, Vernon N.	2 Mar 1886	17 Jan 1919
Noah, Alva Roetta I.	29 Sep 1899	17 Oct 1992
Noah, Egbert Ross	1 Jan 1921	7 Sep 1921
Noah, Ernest Carl	31 Oct 1892	14 Jun 1982
Oakley, John Isaac	15 Mar 1913	9 Oct 1987
Phillippi, Millie	26 Mar 1813	20 Apr 1899
Phipps, Artelia Jane Cobb	1844	1916
Phipps, Barbara	2 Apr 1802	12 Aug 1871
Phipps, Charles E.	14 Feb 1895	15 Jun 1989
Phipps, Charles P.	4 Nov 1876	20 Mar 1949
Phipps, Dr. Alfred A.	1831	1923
Phipps, Dr. Lemuel Aaron	15 Feb 1833	22 Apr 1906
Phipps, Eliza J.	1854	1932
Phipps, Elsie Starr	21 Dec 1901	5 Aug 1961
Phipps, Immanuel C.		3 Dec 1858
Phipps, John		5 Jun 1861
Phipps, John L.	1892	1924
Phipps, John W.	9 Oc 1829	25 Jan 1929
Phipps, Joseph E.	3 May 1835	28 Apr 1862
Phipps, Mary E.	29 Jul 1877	1 Feb 1927
Propst, Jr., Loyd Merrill	13 Apr 1953	13 Apr 1953
Purvis, Lillie D. Jones	10 Sept 1904	25 Jun 1993
Ray, Infant		26 Mar 1908
Reece, Charlie Cecil	27 Sep 1909	29 Nov 1977
Reece, Charlie E.	26 Jul 1880	28 Sep 1965
Reece, Grady E.	29 Aug 1914	2 Sep 1976
Reece, Infant	31 Jul 1919	24 Aug 1919
Reece, L. Clarence	30 July 1903	31 Jan 1944
Reece, M. Edgar "Ed"	23 Oct 1912	27 Mar 1976
Reece, Mary A.	4 Aug 1883	27 Feb 1975
Reece, Mary Levens	1 Sep 1904	18 Dec 1994
Reece, Mary Suits	29 Jul 1911	23 Jan 1980
Reece, Maude W.	10 Feb 1904	6 Dec 1979
Reece, Nellie E. Baker	1 Mar 1915	23 Jul 1934
Reece, Paula McDaniel	20 Jul 1920	8 Mar 1979

Reece, Virginia C. Baldwin	27 Jul 1883	1 May 1970
Reece, William Clarence	28 Mar 1911	30 Jul 1980
Reece, William D.	18 Jul 1886	22 Dec 1968
Reece, Bertie M.	5 Aug 1886	10 Jan 1978
Reece, Dorothy M.	22 Dec 1914	26 Dec 1914
Reece, Howard C.	17 Jun 1906	7 Jun 1966
Reece, Infant		29 Jun 1909
Reece, Pfc. Clyde M.	2 Mar 1922	17 Dec 1944
Reece, Sample W.	20 Oct 1883	22 Dec 1979
Reece, William A.	31 Aug 1906	15 Nov 1906
Riggans, M.A. Welker	30 Jun 1857	28 Dec 1931
Riggans, W.T.		30 Mar 1928
Roberts, Anne C.	11 May 1877	5 Sep 1936
Roberts, Boyce Lee	8 Feb 1926	8 Feb 1926
Roberts, Randall M.	3 Dec 1870	3 Sep 1941
Settlemyre, Terri Lynn	13 Jul 1957	4 Dec 1958
Sharp, Ellen J.	25 Dec 1841	19 Sep 1922
Sharp, Solomon	24 May 1810	15 Mar 1880
Sharpe, Addie I.	29 Aug 1888	2 Oct 1971
Sharpe, Wm. Banks	6 May 1875	12 Dec 1928
Sharpe, Wm. Coda	7 Oct 1918	24 Oct 1918
Shaw, Anna S. May	10 Mar 1816	9 Aug 1874
Shaw, Annie Frazier Isley	26 May 1926	17 Mar 1972
Shaw, Cary Lillian	1886	1888
Shaw, Catherine May	6 Nov 1862	18 Dec 1961
Shaw, Eliza J.	26 Jan 1836	16 May 1896
Shaw, Elizabeth Melissa	8 Dec 1896	28 Sep 1987
Shaw, Ernest C.	29 Feb 1893	15 Apr 1978
Shaw, Etta Jones	8 Dec 1891	1 Mar 1970
Shaw, Frank D.	24 Nov 1887	13 Aug 1946
Shaw, Hazel	17 Jan 1904	6 Sep 1988
Shaw, J. Henry	Feb 1877	Sep 1878
Shaw, James M.	1836	1900
Shaw, James M.	1856	1902
Shaw, James M. B.	10 May 1811	23 Feb 1900
Shaw, John D.	1854	1940
Shaw, Lela A.	27 May 1855	19 May 1934
Shaw, Martha Saunders	19 Sep 1901	21 Dec 1993
Shaw, Martha Clapp	1839	1875
Shaw, Melvina Manerva	11 Oct 1863	10 Jun 1919
Shaw, Millard W.	13 Mar 1885	18 Jan 1886
Shaw, Milton C.	13 Nov 1855	7 Jan 1932
Shaw, Paul B.	13 Oct 1881	28 Mar 1964
Shaw, S.L. Gertrude	17 Jun 1849	1 Oct 1881
Shaw, Sibbil Isabel	19 Sep 1852	14 Aug 1911
Shaw, Vick	4 Aug 1889	14 Jan 1975
Shaw, W.H.C.	7 Sep 1847	2 Dec 1912

Shaw, Walter Floyd	7 Jan 1889	25 Nov 1971
Shaw, Wm. Carroll	5 May 1881	27 Apr 1956
Shaw, Jr., John T	5 Dec 1921	17 Mar 1972
Shaw, Sr., John T.	3 Nov 1884	10 May 1969
Shepherd, Elizabeth	1852	1863
Shepherd, Henry	1817	1882
Shepherd, Howard Dero	5 Dec 1902	5 May 1980
Shepherd, Martha	1844	1864
Shepherd, Mary Ann Susan	1849	1867
Shepherd, Nellie C.	1825	1900
Shepherd, Pearl Sharp	8 Sep 1909	4 Sep 1993
Shepherd, Sarah	1846	1867
Shoe, Alene G.		7 Apr 1909
Shoe, Alma Greeson	15 Mar 1905	1 Dec 1984
Shoe, Banner Lewis	1 May 1917	31 Jul 1949
Shoe, Blanche A. Coble	10 Nov 1899	11 Jun 1985
Shoe, Elizabeth	1867	1898
Shoe, Gemima	1 Feb 1890	21 Jan 1974
Shoe, Infant		9 Feb 1928
Shoe, John	1859	1937
Shoe, Joseph G.	2 Jul 1889	15 Jul 1942
Shoe, Paris P.	27 Dec 1902	20 Dec 1975
Shoe, Peter P.	10 Sep 1865	27 Oct 1941
Shoe, W. Pete	23 Dec 1918	1 May 1986
Shoe, Sallie		May 1889
Shoe, Sr., John W.	1894	1978
Shoffner, Annie Ingle	17 Feb 1881	26 May 1964
Shoffner, Daniel A. "Bud"	27 Sep 1874	1 Oct 1966
Shoffner, Edna Hamby	2 Oct 1912	19 Feb 1974
Shoffner, Edna D.	22 Dec 1898	1 Aug 1987
Shoffner, Eugene W.	15 Sep 1900	14 Apr 1957
Shoffner, George M.	7 Mar 1862	5 Nov 1892
Shoffner, George Glenn	8 Jun 1906	4 Dec 1988
Shoffner, Jackie H.		9 Mar 1935
Shoffner, Jessie Welker	6 Dec 1866	22 Aug 1952
Shoffner, John Robert	13 Jan 1884	21 May 1908
Shoffner, Malvina Elizabeth	6 Apr 1904	18 Sep 1916
Shoffner, Martha L.	25 Apr 1884	11 May 1959
Shoffner, Mary J.	25 Jul 1861	25 Nov 1944
Shoffner, Millard U. "Babe"	7 Oct 1879	25 Oct 1964
Shoffner, Nora Greeson	15 Jan 1894	14 Oct 1975
Shoffner, Thomas Joyner	7 Apr 1892	6 Aug 1972
Shoffner, Zimery M.	27 Oct 1878	18 Jan 1974
Shuh, Elizabeth Clapp	12 Jul 1826	12 Jun 1905
Slayton, Clayborne H.	7 Nov 1884	20 Feb 1981
Slayton, Edward	13 Jan 1916	4 Dec 1955
Slayton, J. Francis	22 Sep 1908	26 May 1984

Slayton, Myrtle Andrew	9 Aug 1912	24 May 1994
Slayton, Preudence Madaris	18 Sep 1886	13 Aug 1971
Smith, Anne C.		8 Feb 1945
Smith, Jack	9 Dec 1939	30 May 1984
Smith, Thomas Vance	6 Oct 1925	7 May 1992
Soots, James W.	27 Aug 1876	12 Mar 1923
Soots, Martha Elizabeth May	26 Sep 1888	24 Mar 1931
Stafford, Hattie Reece	25 Nov 1916	2 May 1993
Stafford, Lindsay	10 Mar 1916	29 Jul 1986
Staley, John Joseph	3 Jan 1913	17 Jun 1994
Starr, Caroline R.	9 Jun 1828	5 Aug 1904
Starr, Charles A.	3 Sep 1906	9 Oct 1907
Starr, Charles Alexander	16 Mar 1863	20 Sep 1891
Starr, Charles C.	28 Jul 1891	11 Jan 1951
Starr, Charles E.	17 Sep 1879	18 Mar 1942
Starr, Cora E. Farmer	18 Mar 1905	29 Aug 1985
Starr, Daniel M.	1820	1901
Starr, Infant	31 Mar 1906	31 Mar 1906
Starr, Infant		24 Oct 1881
Starr, Infant		12 Dec 1882
Starr, Infant	18 Jan 1890	29 May 1890
Starr, Infant		26 Feb 1937
Starr, Hazel Jobe	30 Jul 1906	18 Apr 1994
Starr, J. Edward	1865	1936
Starr, James Vernon	31 Mar 1894	26 Dec 1941
Starr, John P.	1851	1922
Starr, Joshua	14 Feb 1820	13 Apr 1862
Starr, Joshua Isaac	2 Sep 1899	7 Jun 1900
Starr, Massie Ida	21 Aug 1874	7 Oct 1878
Starr, Maggie Welker	5 Jun 1878	29 Jul 1919
Starr, Martha Combs	23 Aug 1913	19 Jun 1983
Starr, Mary A. B.	15 Sep 1848	28 Oct 1868
Starr, Mary C. Amick	22 Nov 1865	12 Apr 1927
Starr, Mary Cable	1868	1960
Starr, Monroe W.	1 Apr 1850	28 Oct 1868
Starr, Moss Gilliam	2 Feb 1892	29 Sep 1953
Starr, Percy L.	6 Oct 1900	23 May 1951
Starr, Robert A.	5 Dec 1859	13 Dec 1936
Starr, Roy Joseph	9 May 1943	14 Apr 1978
Starr, Roy M.	16 Feb 1911	20 Feb 1963
Starr, Sarah Louise	1852	1929
Starr, Sarah M.	1831	1882
Stewart, Rosa Bowlin	8 May 1907	30 Oct 1960
Stewart, Sharon Gale	30 Sept 1952	10 Oct 1952
Story, W. R.		18 Oct 1887
Story, Wm. Riley		25 Dec 1899
Stubbins, Emma Starr	1895	1942

Suits, Albert W.	29 Mar 1913	28 Aug 1956
Suits, Charles Robert	17 Feb 1905	30 May 1980
Suits, Clarence B.	14 Jul 1913	25 Oct 1976
Suits, Effie Nettie	25 Dec 1908	22 Nov 1963
Suits, Harlan B.	25 Jul 1881	23 Sep 1952
Suits, Haywood Franklin	8 Jan 1907	28 May 1986
Suits, James W.	24 May 1903	27 Jun 1926
Suits, Maggie Gerner	11 Apr 1883	18 Jul 1973
Suits, Mamie M.	12 Feb 1905	7 Feb 1976
Swaim, David H.	4 Jul 1892	5 Feb 1974
Taylor, Elizabeth Isley	29 June 1897	23 Apr 1980
Taylor, Harry Lee	9 Dec 1917	16 Mar 1993
Taylor, John Thomas	10 May 1874	7 Sep 1946
Taylor, Jr. Bobby Lee	15 Aug 1961	22 Jun 1975
Tesh, Edward F.	1878	1935
Tesh, Julia K.	28 Aug 1862	9 Nov 1938
Tesh, Lema A.	31 Oct 1917	3 May 1938
Tesh, Lillian G.	7 Feb 1894	30 May 1923
Tesh, Mary S.	1878	1962
Tesh, Noah W.	14 Dec 1892	19 Nov 1918
Tesh, Solomon A.	10 Mar 1850	19 Feb 1920
Thompson, Bascom	18 July 1922	17 April 1987
Thompson, Edith Mae	20 May 1921	19 Nov 1988
Torreyson, Cleta Tesh	1895	1961
Torreyson, Dean	14 Jan 1898	28 Jan 1975
Torreyson, James W.	1851	1940
Troxler, Duncan	1 Jan 1826	26 Feb 1887
Troxler, Lucinda C.	16 October 1833	16 Jan 1892
Tucker, Michael Ray	20 Dec 1966	9 Dec 1983
Upchurch, Ellen Amick Greeson	30 Sept 1915	13 June 1991
Underwood, Romona Woodard	3 Nov 1930	31 Oct 1993
Vaughn, Robert Lee	20 Mar 1931	22 Jul 1993
Welker, Alice Long	18 Aug 1871	16 Oct 1959
Welker, Almira S.	1858	1897
Welker, Amanda C.	28 Mar 1869	9 Dec 1958
Welker, C. Brant	17 Jun 1935	17 Jun 1935
Welker, Cora	13 Jan 1867	20 Dec 1888
Welker, Dan A.	4 Sept 1911	25 Dec 1994
Welker, Daniel C.	27 Sep 1827	19 Mar 1903
Welker, Daniel T.	14 Oct 1871	6 May 1931
Welker, Dora F.	13 Dec 1898	12 Mar 1980
Welker, Emily J.	20 Dec 1837	20 Jan 1915
Welker, Ernest R.	1874	1948
Welker, Evelyn Lee	16 Mar 1919	25 June 1985
Welker, D.D. Rev. George	3 Nov 1817	9 July 1894
Welker, George W.	16 April 1868	17 Feb 1869
Welker, Herman W.	16 Nov 1881	3 Mar 1956

Welker, infant son	20 April 1872	20 April 1872
Welker, infant son	22 Jul 1873	22 Jul 1873
Welker, infant	9 Jul 1892	9 Jul 1892
Welker, Jennie E.	14 Nov 1869	12 Jun 1871
Welker, John F.	1855	1932
Welker, John W.	27 Nov 1899	7 Apr 1980
Welker, Joseph Eugene	25 Dec 1881	12 Mar 1905
Welker, Joseph Franklin Sr.	17 Jan 1910	8 Dec 1989
Welker, Kivett R.	1883	1891
Welker, Leo L.	28 Sept 1909	19 Feb 1954
Welker, Lula E. Watson	11 Mar 1861	6 May 1919
Welker, Margaret J.	1879	1954
Welker, Mary Ann	5 Apr 1835	22 May 1922
Welker, Mary Ross	6 July 1855	15 June 1935
Welker, Mary Story	19 Aug 1883	21 Jun 1955
Welker, Myrtle O.	10 Sept 1907	6 Apr 1983
Welker, Paige Victoria	28 Jan 1989	12 Feb 1989
Welker, Sarah Emma	10 Nov 1874	24 Dec 1934
Welker, Sarah R. Mebane	6 Nov 1845	14 Dec 1890
Welker, Settle Reed	22 Aug 1895	11 May 1896
Welker, Thomas K.	20 Aug 1877	25 Mar 1961
Welker, W. Ralph	19 May 1916	20 Oct 1946
Welker, Walter Clarence	19 Apr 1876	24 June 1934
Welker, William A.	19 Apr 1844	29 July 1928
Welker, William B.	20 Mar 1853	25 June 1936
Welker, Willie R.	1897	1897
Williams, Geraldine Mae	23 June 1932	2 July 1950
Wilson, Dilly May McClintock	1 May 1898	15 June 1923
Whit, Donna Shoffner	1882	1960
Whit, infant	12 Jan 1911	20 Jan 1911
Whit, James D.	1875	1942
Whit, John Stewart	24 Feb 1904	31 July 1975
Whitesell, Clayton H.	24 Jan 1889	7 Mar 1930
Whitesell, Ernest David Sr.	4 Feb 1894	28 Dec 1982
Whitesell, Ella Ingle	19 Mar 1893	10 Apr 1982
Whitesell, Fannie Holt	23 June 1924	2 June 1993
Whitesell, Grace Reece	16 May 1952	1 Jan 1984
Whitesell, Flossie Gerring	3 Aug 1897	18 Apr 1977
Whitesell, Waldo	19 July 1927	23 May 1928
Woodard, Nola Greeson	14 Dec 1920	27 Mar 1976
Woodard, William N.	9 Nov 1910	20 Oct 1972
Woods, Emily Cornelia	3 Oct 1840	10 May 1911
Woods, James Robert	22 May 1833	29 Apr 1912
Woody, Martha Ann	16 Oct 1841	21 Feb 1870
Wyrick, Clara O.	14 Dec 1891	31 Aug 1909
Wyrick, Ruth M.	30 Mar 1899	4 Aug 1899
Wyrick, Fred	21 Mar 1895	22 Mar 1895

Old Cemetery Information

There are over 100 unmarked graves in Mt. Hope cemetery. These are thought to be the missing names. There are no explanations as to why the graves were marked with numbers instead of names. The records of Rev. Welker state that these people are buried at Mt. Hope cemetery.

Daniel May
Born 12-12-1777 died 6-30-1859
81 years - died of cancer

James E. May
Born 10-9-1840 died 12-15-1859
19 years - Son of Josiah May

Mrs. C. Foust
Died 3-23-1880 89 years
Daughter of Rev. J. Greeson about 69

Elizabeth Mebane May
Born 4-6-1845 died 4-26-1860
14 years - Daughter of James May

M. E. Welker Hackett
7-9-1861 buried 4 years
Parents James and Ellen Hackett

Barbara Neese
died 12-2-1861
Wife of G. Neese
attended communion
before death

Rebecca Caroline Clapp
Born 5-28-1845 died 4-7-1862
16 years - Daughter of Daniel Clapp

Emily Ann McShaw
4-1862
Daughter of James McShaw

William Butler Stafford
Born 7-19-1858 - Died 4-11-1862
Age 3 years - Child of Jno Stafford

Sabina Isabella Clapp
Born 3-14-1857 died 4-11-1862
Child of Daniel Clapp

Martin Boon May
Born 7-5-1834 Died 9-6-1861
27 years old - Son of James May

Abraham Amick
Born 2-2-1831 - Died 4-14-1862
31 years - neighborly man

Henry Emsley Greeson
Born 5-2-1832 Died 4-17-1863
20 years - Kind man

Margaret Susan May
Born 2-1-1860 - Died 4-17-1862
2 years - Daughter James May

Sarah Friddle
Died 4-22-1862 - Wife of Oliver Friddle
Seven Children

Nancy Swing
wife Elisha Swing - Age 47
Henry Ambrose - Age 14
Amelia Jane - Age 11
Simeon Christian - Age 9
All died between 4-18 and 4-26 1862

All Mr. Swings family - God took away his wife and made him childless.

George A. Neese
Born 11-24-1837 Died 6-4-1862
24 years a deacon at Mt. Hope

James Robert Hugh Stafford
Born 2-5-1856 Died 4-18-1862
6 years son of J. and M. Stafford

Ruth Ann Adora Stafford
12-19-1853 Died 6-15-1862
8 year - Child of J. and M. Stafford

Joshua Monroe Clapp
Born 2-12-1854 Died 4-16-1862
8 years

George Washington Jacob Neese
Born 3-9-1854 Died 4-19-1862
8 years Child of C. J. and M Neese

Royal Reggy Malany Neese
Born 4-9-1856 Died 4-26-1862
6 years Child of C. J. and M Neese

Joshua McManly Neese
Born 5-25-1859 Died 4-29-1861
Age 2 years
Children of C. J. and M. Neese

Tammy Schaeffer
Born 5-5-1853 Died 11-17-1862
9 years

Martha Jane Schaeffer
Born 8-29-1844 died 3-2-1863
18 years
Daughters of H. Schaeffer

Jeremiah Shuh
Born 8-19-1843 Died 8-11-1863
20 Years Son of Peter Shuh

Calvin A. May
Born 3-27-1830 Died 7-15-1963
33 years

Daniel Monroe May
Born 1-9-1857 Died 7-19-1863
Age 6 Son of Calvin May

Elizabeth Low Clapp
Died 7-21-1863
36 years - wife of John Clapp

Levi Monroe Friddle
Born 12-23-1845 Died 11-3-1863
17 years

Emma Catherine Greeson
Born 3-4-1862 Died 11-19-1863
1 year 8 months Daughter of Widow Emsly Greeson

Alfred M Greeson
Born 8-31-1827 Died 6-27-1863
36 years - Had 8 children (shot by a "Raleigh Seagraves Guard")

Eliza Jane Jemima Shuh
Born 12-27-1862 Died 2-12-1863
1 month 17 days Child of Widow
Mary Shuh

Daniel Franklin May
born 10-1-1838 Died 6-26-1863
23 years drafted into the army
Died at hospital at Petersburg, VA

A. Alcphonso May
Born 3-13-1836 Died 12-22-1863
27 years - drafted into the army
died at hospital at
Orange Court House, VA (Leaves
a wife)

Mary Jane May
Born 5-5-1852 Died 10-2-1857
5 years Daughter of W. R. May
and wife

W. Rudy May
Born 5-1-1826 Died 2-15-1864
38 years Died of small pox in
Military prison at Salisbury
Good man

Mary Ann Barbara Clapp
Born 11-9-1842 Died 5-1-1864
21 years

Tobias Soots
Born 1-20-1814 Died 9-7-1864

William Milton Soots
Born 11-19-1838 Died 8-22-1862
23 years

Tobias Franklin Soots
Born 5-8-1849 Died 7-9-1851
2 years

Martha Greeson
Born 12-31-1833 Died 8-22-1864
30 years Wife of Hartwell

Catherine Grey
Born 4-28-1844 Died 8-10-1864
20 years, Samuel's sister

Samuel T. B. Grey
Born 4-20-1840 Died 9-13-1864
24 Years, Catherine's brother
Killed in Petersburg, VA

A. F. Finley
Born 12-4-1810 Died 11-20-1864
53 years

Jesse Andrew Sr.
Born 6-15-1780 Died 11-27-1864
84 years - A quiet and honest man.

Mr. Shaw
Born 2-16-1814 Died 12-26-1864
50 years - Accidentally shot
himself. Good man

Catherine Melinda Shaw
Born 05-30-1840 Died 6-24-1864
23 years Daughter of D. Shaw

John May
Born 7-28-1843 died 11-17-1864
21 years (Son of Josiah)

Eva Shur
Born 4-22-1774 Died 10-18-1863
89 years - Widow of Henry Shur

Emily Ann Brown
Born 7-8-1857 Died 10-6-1864
27 years - A good woman

Mr. Neese, Sr.
Born 4-24-1778 Died 10-16-1864
86 years

Infant son of W. M. Mebane,
and M. J. Mebane
10-1-1864

Jacob Foust
Died in NY, Prisoner of War
4-25-1865 41 years - Forced into
the army

Hugh Shaw
Born 9-22-1805 Died 4-6-1860
60 years - Elder of the church

Candance Malinda Low
Born 8-1821 Died 9-5-1865
44 years - Daughter of D. and S.
Low

Riley Neese
Born 10-7-1831 Died 7-6-1862
30 years Died at Gettysburg, PA
A wound in the thigh

Emily Catherine Corsbie
Born 2-16-1848 Died 8-1-1866
18 years - Wife of Washington
Corsbie

Daniel Christopher Neese
Born 3-5-1866 Died 6-15-1887
1 year - son of C. J. and M. Neese

Mary H. S. Schaaffer
Born 4-28-1849 Died 10-17-1867
18 years - Disease Consumption

Jennie Gannon Andrew, Sr.
Born 7-26-1784 Died 10-6-1868
84 years Widow Jesse Andrew Sr.
Born in Maryland

Anna Catherine May
Born 4-6-1795 Died 8-24-1868
73 years - Widow of Daniel May

Mary and Monroe Starr
Died Feb 1869 Children of
Caroline and Joshua Starr
Buried in one grave

Nancy Fipley
died 1869

William Foust
11-1869 Died
Child of S. A. L. F. Foust

Child of Daniel Neese
7-1870 died

Callie Holt - Daughter of widow
Jane Holt
11-27-1870 Died

John C. Harden
1-8-1871

Curry Greeson
7-1871

Child of Wm. Levan
8-6-1871

Child of the Faulkners
8-29-1871

Child of the Faulkners
10-31-1871

Child of P. Waynick
11-12-1871

Henry Greeson
12-10-1871 an old man

Child of Samuel Soots
12-31-1871

Elizabeth May
2-11-1872 Widow of Daniel May
64 years

Mrs. Peter Shuh
4-22-1872
Sister of Rev. J. Ingold
member at Brick

Benjamin E. Clapp
9-1-1872

Child of Frank Greeson
12-16-1872

Child of Samuel Soots
1-13-1873

Mrs. Sidney Gardner
19 Sep 1875 age 54

Child of Christian Neese 6-15-
1873

Child of David Shuh
7-6-1873

Ann Shaw Woods
Widow of Hugh Woods
Mother of W. R. Woods
8-3-1873 71 years

Rebecca J. Andrew
12-7-1873

Mrs. Leah Shaw
wife of Robt P. Shaw
57 years - 2-15-1876

Susan C. Shaw
Daughter of James Dick Shaw
3-30-1876

M. Caroline Shaw
17 years 11-6-1876
Daughter of R. B. Shaw

Widow of R. B. Shaw
62 years - 1-19-1877

Celeb Boon
6-3-1877 Died in Illinois

Sallie Phillippi
70 years - 10-18-1877

Child of T. G. Low
9-1-1878

Two children of D. M. Clapp
10-21-1878

11-10-1878 - Four children
No name or no parents names

William Deyton May
Born 4-12-1872 Died 3-9-1879
6 years - Son of J. M. May

Children of Frank and Sidney
Greeson (one each) 6-9-1878

Kate Watson
44 years - Widow of Jno Watson
member of Brick
10-12-1879

John Peter Shuh
Born Jan 10-11-1813 Died 1-21-
1880 69 years

Henry Schaeffer
6-21-1880

Eliza Jane May
Born 5-4-1857 Died 1-25-1881
24 years Wife of Alson May

Valentine Cobb
55 years - 6-2-1881
8-14-1881
excellent woman

Child of W.A. Clapp
8/14/1881

Sarah Rose
72 years - 5-23-1882
Member of Mt. Hope

Elizabeth Cecil
Wife of Rev. J. W. Cecil
7-10-1883

Elisha Swing
7-8-1883

Wallace Millard Shaw
1-20-1887 Child of M. C. Shaw

Mrs. S. Foust
57 years - 3-6-1887

Pearl Arrene Neese
10-9-1887 1 year
Child of James Neese

Betsy Greeson
80 years - Widow of Henry
Greeson
1-15-1888

Lillie Shaw
6-19-1888
Child of James Shaw

John M. May
9-23-1888

Wife of W. B. Welker
2-26-1889

Child of Tom May
2-28-1889

Daniel Clapp
4-6-1889

Dr. Suatt C. McNairy
58 years - 1-2-1890 Elder at
Mt. Hope

Cecilia Jobe
83 years - 12-20-1890



**Memorial Day in Cemetary
(Approximately 1952)**



**Photo Made on a Memorial Day
(Oldest People at the 100th Celebration)**



Mrs. Jessie Shoffner, Mr. John Levens, and Mrs. Alee Jobe

REMINISCING

Remember the Good Old Days. Here are some personal memories of our past. Let's go back and see if you were there. - **Lorrie Gerringer Hancock**

I remember Albert (Buck) Foust, the custodian for years - very seldom wore shoes.
- **Linda Miller**

One night at Youth Group, Deana Layton and I were partners playing hide and seek. We decided to hide in the men's bathroom. We stood on the only toilet in there. We both fell in, getting our feet wet. - **Jamie Owen**

I remember Dale Sowers. On Youth Sunday we learned a lot and so did the congregation. I think the youth really came together and became close that Sunday.
- **Megan Gardner**

I remember the day that Melinda joined the church by professing her faith on April 8, 1979 when Rev. Raymond Craven was our minister.
- **Doris Walsh**

Our mother died in 1927 so Mrs. Hiatt made me and my sister's dresses when we were little girls.
- **Edna Neese**

I remember my grandmother doing a lot of baking. Mt. Hope would have what they used to call "Lawn Parties" at my grandma and grandpa's house (Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greeson).
- **Phyllis Clapp**

Words spoken when closing prayers in Sunday School opening by Jesse Andrew who was superintendent. "When thou art through with us on this earth, gather us in that home above without

the loss of one. Amen."

- **Maggie Coble and Johnny Coble**

The most Christian ambition we men had ever experienced was our men's Brotherhood activities.

- **Ralph Neese**

Sarah Noah Shue's sister, Betty Jo, encouraged me to attend Youth Fellowship. She would come and take me to the meetings. I will always remember her kindness and influence in my teenage years.

- **Swannie Brown**

I remember being new and how welcome William Woodard (Katie's husband) made me feel.

- **Homer Walsh**

Mr. Lace Friddle was the most dedicated man that ever went to Mt. Hope. He went to church in 1940 during the big snow. He went to church for 30 years or more without missing a day and received a pin for loyalty. He was buried with the pin.

- **Otis Gerringer**

We use to bring in pennies to buy brick for building on the new part of church. So many pennies would buy a brick.

- **Inez Thornburg**

Both of my grandfathers were in the group of 64 people who joined Mt. Hope in 1878 during revival.

- **Unknown**

I helped my Grandpa Greeson (Thurman) mow the church yard. My sister Julie and I would get up summer mornings and help him.

- **Michelle Register**

Mrs. Lahla Gerner always covered the offering plates, candleholders, and flower vase in the sanctuary with linen cloth every Monday morning.

- **Doris Walsh**

Generator used to sit across road. Tom Shoffner kept it going.

- **Otis Gerringer**

Albert (Buck) Foust always rang the church bell - when he died, they rang the bell during his funeral in honor of him.

- **Inez Thornburg**

My most rewarding moment was carrying children to visit shut-ins. The shut-ins really enjoyed it. The children would sing for them. Susan Greeson helped get me started helping with this. Nancy Phillips and Thomas Shoffner were the most uplifting parents that I remember. I taught Sunday School for about 25-30 years. I started with second grade and went to Junior High.

- **Blanche Greeson**

I remember going to the old church with the Sunday School rooms in the back. The old church was

always hot in the summer, but the men would open the big window and put wood under it to keep it up.

- Kathy Gerringer Hicks

I remember one Sunday after church I went to get Angie from the nursery. I had pulled my car in the circle drive in front of the old church. I heard a horn blowing. When I came out, Greg who was about 2 or 3, was sitting in the driver's seat blowing the horn. I was so embarrassed.

- Martha Whitesell

I remember when I was 13 years old. My mom and dad divorced. I thought I would never get over it. We (Donna, Daddy, and I) stopped going to church for awhile. The day we started back I remember like it was yesterday. We walked up the steps to the Sunday School class scared to death, maybe because of not being there for awhile or maybe because we were afraid of what people would say to us. In 1973 divorce was not common, so I was embarrassed. I remember the smell of the stairway; it is the same smell as of today. To some, it's musty, but to me it was the smell of coming home. After Sunday School it was like a burden lifted off my shoulders. As I walked back down the stairway, I knew I was going to make it. I still remember that Sunday every time I go up and down those steps. That smell remains a part of me just as Mt. Hope has.

- Lorrie Gerringer Hancock

I remember when Fall Revival meant cool fall nights. There were visiting pastors, lots of singing and always "The Altar Call." Revive us again and Just as I am were hymns often sung.

- Swannie Brown

We had a wonderful Christmas tree and everyone exchanged gifts. Santa Claus would come.

- Linda Miller

Homecoming and Memorial Day took a lot of planning. Tables were made of wire fence stretched between 2 trees. The main drink was ice water in barrels. Someone brought ice from town. We had dinner on the grounds. The food was some of the best you could find anywhere.

- Unknown

I remember Blanche Greeson seems to have beautiful flowers no matter when we need them. She always shares, and we use them for a variety of church functions.

- Barbara Greeson

I played my first prelude at Homecoming Day when I was in the 7th grade and have been playing or assisting ever since.

- Jean Greeson

As I look back over the past years, I realize how important an influence Mt. Hope Church has been. As long as I can remember our family always knew that on Sunday morning we were going to church. There was never an acceptable reason not to do so. I remember women sat on the left side and men on the right side. Mt. Hope had many dedicated ministers. I was married in 1951 by Rev. Yearick. I shall always be grateful for the sound foundation upon which to build a strong Christian faith. My life has been shaped by the truths I learned there and by the dear, honest, and sincere Christians who

set the examples of what true Christian service really is.

- Helen Holt Euliss

As I start to reflect on the memories of Mt. Hope, it started when I was born. Jack and I were twins, which was rare in 1932. Jack died in 1970. I remember sitting close to the stove pipes to stay warm. The ladies usually sat on the left, men on the right, and younger people in the middle. I remember accepting Christ as my Savior at what we used to call "Big Meeting," on October 5, 1947. I can remember the polio outbreak. People were afraid to go to church. I remember the Homecoming and Memorial Day. Mama would make sure that all our family had flowers. The church plays a large role in our lives; more than we realize. Isn't it a wonderful feeling to have a nice place to pray, praise, and worship God.

- Jean J. Greeson

Rev. Joshua L. Levens gave a statement of Jesse C. Andrew testifying as to why he started to Sunday School. He was the Superintendent (1923-1931). Mr. Andrew states that "My daughter has been going to Sunday School almost all of her life. As for me, I must confess that I cannot say that I have been going. It was my daughter who started me to Sunday School. She always walked, and between our place and the church there lived a man who owned a dog. The dog was rather ferocious. The daughter became afraid of it and asked me to go with her to protect her. The next Sunday morning I dressed and we went to Sunday School together. From that time on I have attended Sunday School regularly." Mr. Andrew's daughter was the late Ruth Andrew Gerringer.

The first time I met Rev. Billy Joe Leonard was at Ernest Greeson's store. Keith May and I were getting ready to go squirrel hunting. I asked Ernest who he was. I could not believe it when he told me he was the new preacher at Mt. Hope. Billy Joe made the comment that he liked to squirrel hunt. So I asked him if he wanted to go with us. He went to get his hunting dog and gun, and we went hunting. That was the best time I had ever had hunting. I seldom went to church before Rev. Leonard came to Mt. Hope. He was the biggest influence on me. I have been mowing the church yard for about 30 years and handing out bulletins.

- Thurman Greeson

Along with Joan Joyce May, her sister Clara Belle, Modine Greeson Friddle, Glenda Belvin Andrews, and many others, we enjoyed Mt. Hope Girls Softball in the 1950's. Our coach was Mr. Howard Isley.

- Swannie Brown

My first memories of Mt. Hope Church began in the white frame church with the wood stoves on each side with the pipes exposed. Women, with their hats, and the children on the left side and men on the right. Rev. Hiatt was in the pulpit. My mom would make me a doll with her handkerchief to keep me quiet. Memorial Day was a special service that stands out in my mind. Much time was put into the cleaning of the cemetery the week before. On Saturday, we gathered larkspur and flowers from the garden that was sown especially for the occasion and arranging them in vases for all the relatives' graves. This tradition is still important to me. The food for "dinner on the ground" was also prepared this day. My mom always made me a new dress for this special occasion. Then came the hot all day service with the church full of strangers trying to fan away the heat. Then came along Youth Fellowship, a week at summer conference at Catawba College, choir, Women's Guild, the food stands at the Guilford County Fair, our new building projects, church suppers, Church Women

United, and now a member of the Golden Agers. My ancestors were a part of the beginning of Mt. Hope Church and very active in its programs. I am proud to still be a member along with my family. This church and its people have been a big influence and blessing in my life. I pray this will continue through the future generations.

- Jaynee Brown

I remember Bradley Pruitt pulled my pigtails at the Junior Sermon and I turned red as a fire truck. I loved to rub my face on Rev. Craven's velvet strip on his robe. I remember Rev. Wallace's magic tricks at Junior Sermon. One time I volunteered to be his assistant and I got water on my head. Linda Greeson used to help the children learn songs during Sunday School. Travis Gannon danced with his boots on top of the piano in the Sunday School one time. I remember Modine Friddle helping me make my hand print in the four year old class and painting it gold for Mom and Dad. I remember Jon and I arguing every Sunday over which one of us was going to take Mr. Dalrymple and Mr. Whitesell their hearing aids. I remember Allison Gannon, Joy Greeson, Carla Tucker and myself performing the Velveteen Rabbit for the church and for Elon Home for Children in 1989. I remember Allison Gannon and I would always compete to raise the most money for the CROP Walk. I remember youth lock-ins, doughnut sales, car washes, CROP Walks, beach trips, and BRAG retreats. **- Kristen Gerner**

I remember my mother-in-law (Susan Greeson's) sister Lahla Gerner. She would say anything to you. If it was on her mind out it would come. She was a mess.

- Joan Greeson

I remember the day Patti and Mike (Osborne) were married August 30, 1992. It was Rev. Jim and Denise Smelley's last wedding at the church.

- Tommie Sue Belvin

Reverend George Welker's first two wives were buried at Brick Church. His last wife was buried at Mt. Hope.

- David Swaim

I had an old girl hunting dog in my lot behind the house in a fence. There was a cut in the fence, so she either got out or a dog got in, so of course she had three puppies. I was talking to Reverend Leonard about it. His boy dog had gotten out of his fence too and we decided was the father of the puppies. He was so excited about it. We named the puppies "Billy Joe, Peggy Sue and David". Billy Joe was named after Reverend Leonard, Peggy Sue after his wife and David after David Swaim, because he would hunt with them.

- Audrey Neese

Shortly after I joined Mt. Hope there was an invitation made for all women to become members of the Women of a Certain Age group. I was hesitant because I wasn't sure what "A Certain Age" was. I finally became curious enough to attend a meeting and realized that "A Certain Age" is really any age you want it to be. The group and our meetings became one of the things that I looked forward to every month. It enabled me to get to know others in the church and to feel that I had ties to this church even though I was not born into it.

- Jennifer Killingsworth

Picnic dinners at homecoming were always fun, and so was Bible School. I always remember Mama driving the old International pick-up truck and bringing all the kids to Bible School. People that rode with her as children still tell me stories of riding in the back of the truck to and from Bible School. My mom loved her church, and children of the church.

- Bernice Shoffner Burroughs

I remember a very special event that has happened for me here at Mt. Hope. It was mine and Larry's wedding day. Unexpectedly we had a snow storm two days before with eleven inches of snow. I was so upset that we may have to cancel due to closed roads and other problems that occurred with that much snow and ice. The store with our tuxedos was closed, the caterer couldn't get here on time, the photographer finally arrived -- late and the anxiety mounted. When the photographer suggested a photograph outside in the snow with this long gown I thought he was crazy. However, as I walked alone down the steps in front of the church to pose I stopped and looked around at this beautiful white carpet that God had poured out. It covered all of the "ugly" of the world. There was complete silence as I stood there alone with God and his awesome wonder and realized how he was working in my life then as always. How awesome and calming his work can be.

- Lydia Moser

My mom is a close friend of Helen Busick. They have worked together for years. My husband is a Methodist and I am a Baptist. We were looking for a in-between kind of church. I came to Tammy Busick Chapmon's baby shower and liked the church. We have been coming ever since. I think we've only missed one Sunday.

- Kyle and Sandy Kirkpatrick

Something I will always remember about Mt. Hope Church is the little black and white church we all put our offering into every Sunday in kindergarten. This offering box was made by Charlie Brown in the shape of a small church. I remember when they tore down the old church. I was so sad. I didn't understand why. I remember being baptized in the old fellowship hall because they were building the new church. I was 12 years old. Other things I remember about the church is the day Reverend Craven married Ricky and me and the Sundays that Brittany and Tiffany were baptized.

- Donna Gerringer Cauthren

I remember Reverend Craven saying in premarriage counseling "Never go to bed angry at each other". I remember learning memory verses in Junior High and getting candy as a prize. The beach trip with youth fellowship. The great fellowship and food. I have wonderful memories of the Blowing Rocking retreat with the Disciples Class. The growth of the class and leadership of Bennie Gerner and Rena Trahan has really helped in my spiritual growth. I remember confirmation class with Tammy, Daddy and others at Mt. Hope. It felt good to have all our family as members of the church. I remember sitting in church with Mama, Sissie and L. B. The rules were clear. Sit still, be respectful and no feet on the seat or seat in front of you.

- Lisa Moser

I have lots of memories of Mt. Hope. But the ones that I think of more clearly are of Bible School. Those were always the best times for me. I can still feel it in the air always around June when the blackberries are coming in. I can always remember blackberries because I would stay with Mamaw Gerringer and walk up to the home of Clarine Ingold and she would bring me to Bible School. And on the way there were blackberries. We would always have lots of crafts to do and get to take home,

and to us that was a great gift. We would keep these crafts for many years. Then we would have snacks which would almost always be peanut butter crackers and coke. We would go out to play either yard games or go to the ball field and play ball. I can still see these things so clearly in my mind. Just the smells of summer can bring back the memories of Bible School and Mt. Hope. I remember parties for different things, Christmas party at Church, Halloween parties for the youth, and Sunday school party at Elaine Neese's house in their basement. I could write a book about all the things that Mt. Hope has been in my life. It's always been there and I hope it always will be.

- Terri Staley

I remember Bessie Corsbie being 103 (February 26, 1880 - July 7, 1983) and Mae Neese Lineberry being 102 (March 5, 1893 - January 10, 1996).

- Jaynee Brown

All of us have entertained strong ties with and fond recollections of our boyhood environs which nurtured and encouraged so many of our early dreams and ambitions. The association: educational, religious and social, attended to being a part of this hometown community, had a profound and lasting effect in our formative years, leading us to dearly treasure the friendships and memories derived from the experience ever since.

- George H. Covell, Jr.

BEYOND THE CHURCH

This is not part of Mt. Hope Church, but did affect our people and are facts that should be remembered.

-Alamance Church was organized in 1762.

-Bessemer Avenue Church was organized in 1904. It was dissolved in 1920 and 29 members and 22 others were organized into the church by the side of the road. In 1933 this church was dissolved by the Presbytery

-Glenwood was organized in 1916.

-Pleasant Garden was organized in 1915. Because of deaths and removals the church was dissolved in 1933.

-St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Bath, N.C. is the oldest church in N.C. and one of the oldest in the United States. It was started in 1734.

-Mt. Pleasant (Burlington Road) was erected in 1832.

-The Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro was built by a lottery in 1810. Based on information from the News and Observer April 26, 1942.

-In August 27, 1930 - North Carolina ranks high among the states in percent of the total population belonging to churches. (University of North Carolina newsletter)

-Guilford County was formed in 1770.

-Today 78% of people pray once a week, and 57% of people pray twice a day.

-In 1997 the estimate is that 1 in every three people will have some form of cancer in their lifetime.



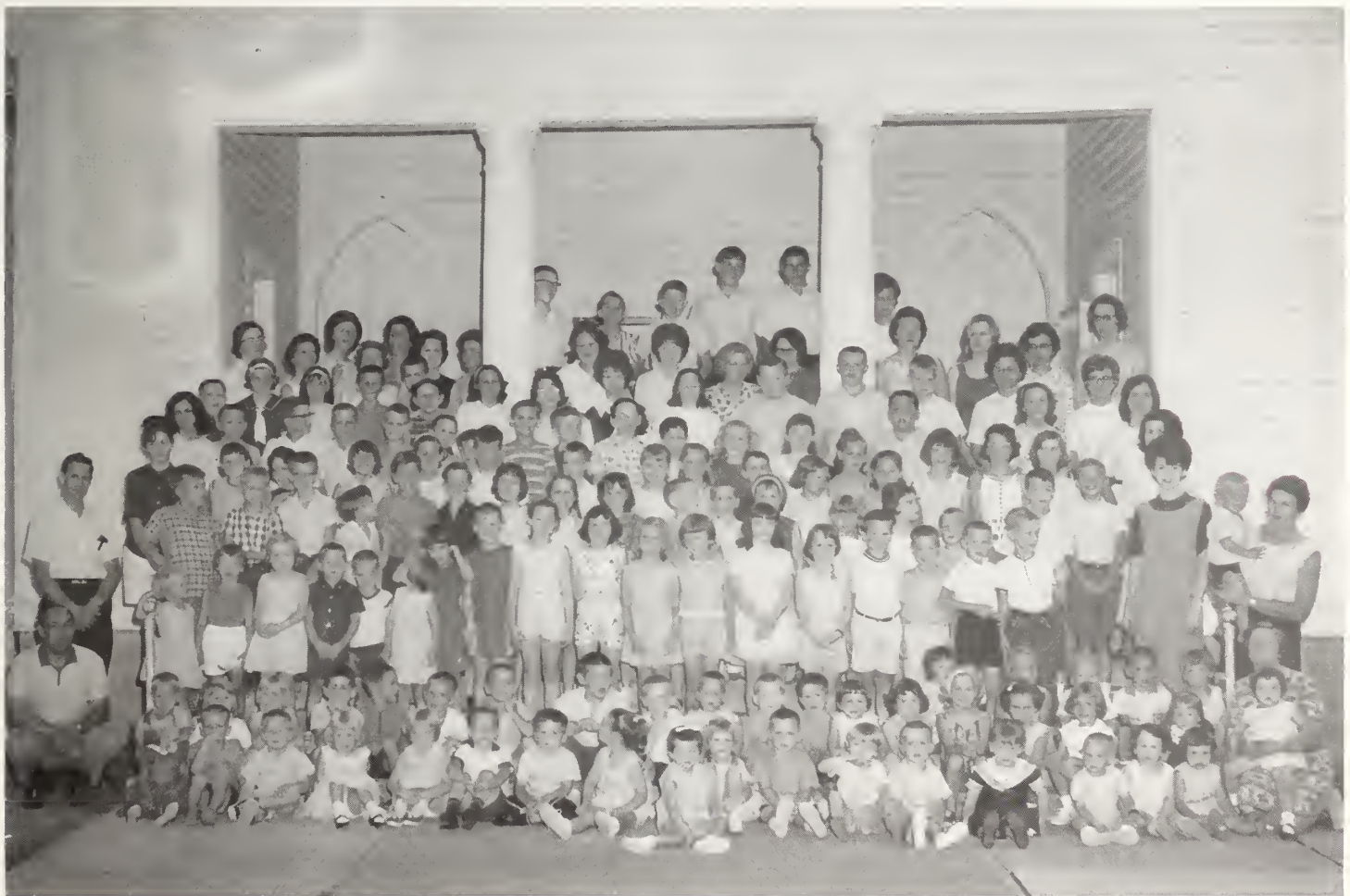
Worship in the Old Sanctuary



Rev. Charles Hiatt, Mt. Hope Pastor, 1927-1937



Rev. G. A. Stauffer, A. B.



Sunday School Group with Rev. Billy Joe Leonard, 1965



Disciple's Class Annual Christmas Nativity Scene, 1996



Bible School, June 27, 1942



**Rev. Katrine Schirmer, Vanessa Koestner,
Rev. Lynne Hinton, and Kim Harris**



Crop Walk Photo, October, 1995



Youth Group Outing



Kentucky Trip, 1996



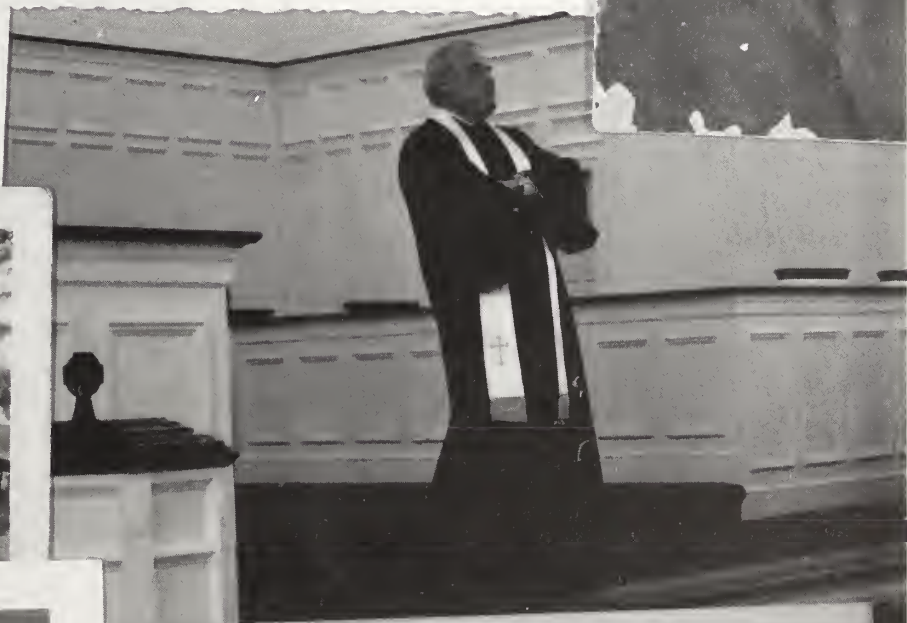
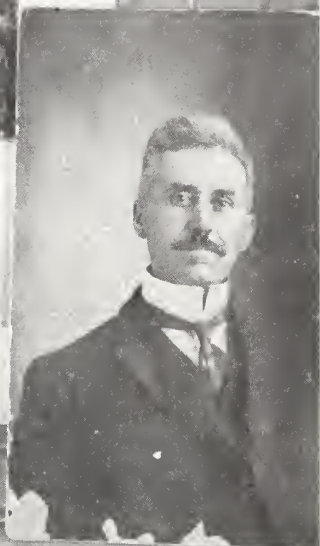
Rev. Lynne Hinton Serving at Chicken Pie Barbecue Supper



Easter Service Children's Time, 1994



Preparing Supper for Greensboro Urban Ministry Night Shelter, 1989





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